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\$500m oil pact signed with Turkey

By Ahmad Shaaban Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 23 — Saudi Arabia and Turkey Monday signed a \$500 million contract for the supply of 15 million barrels of oil to Turkey in 1982, accounting for one seventh of that country's overall oil needs, well-informed sources told *Arab News* Tuesday.

The new deal will double Turkey's oil quota, the sources said. Turkey, which imports a total of about 14 million tons, or 80 million barrels a year, obtained 7,650,000 barrels from Saudi Arabia from February to the end of December 1981, representing 75 percent of its imports. Its trade balance with the Kingdom, which for a long time was heavily tipped in favor of the latter, showed a net rate of increase in 1981.

Turkey exported goods to Saudi Arabia in 1981 worth \$107 million, up from \$43.5 million in 1980. The exports included meat and foodstuffs, fruits and vegetables, appliances, industrial goods and carpets. But the ambassador cautioned that these figures are based on Turkish statistics.

Meanwhile, Turkish Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Huseyin Celep told *Arab News* that two Turkish firms operating in Saudi Arabia recently won two housing contracts in Makkah and Madinah totaling SR3 billion. One SR1.3 billion project was entrusted to a consortium called Enka-Kututas, and the other SR1.7 million to Soyak. There are 16 Turkish companies operating in Saudi Arabia which are mainly involved in contracting and the provision of services. So far, Turkish companies implemented projects totaling SR6 billion in the Kingdom. It is expected that contracts to be undertaken by Turkish firms in eight Middle East countries (Saudi Arabia, Libya, Iraq, Jordan, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait, Egypt and North Yemen) will be in the neighborhood of \$20 billion from January to the end of Dec. 1982.

At the same time, Turkey has 55,000-60,000 workers here whose savings are considerable because they come without their families. They send three times more remittances to their country than a similar number of workers hired in a country like West Germany, for instance, according to the ambassador. Pilgrims numbered 30,400 this year.

The diplomat also said that he was deeply grateful to the Saudi Arabian government for having given Turkey \$500 million in 1979, half of which for supporting the balance of payments and the other half for specific projects. Another \$20 million was offered as outright grants, the same year. A month ago, the Kingdom gave Turkey \$150 million as part of a credit program to support the balance of payments situation.

Indian graft condemned

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (AP) — India's elder statesman B.K. Nehru said Tuesday "corruption is universal" at the lower ranks of India's civil service and is eating into the vitals of the country.

"An uncomfortably large number of politicians and ministers are corrupt," Nehru, 72, declared in a speech at Madras.

Nehru, who now holds the appointive office of governor of Kashmir, said that in one Indian state that he did not name, "no less than 30 percent of the legislators are involved in criminal cases of one type or the other." "Corruption is universal in the lower ranks of public services. It has affected the middle ranks as well and is now affecting the apex of administrative structure," he said.

Nehru said a major cause of corruption is the large size of parliamentary districts in which a successful candidate needs to raise as much as two million rupees (\$225,000) for campaigning. He urged reform of the electoral system, including proportional representation.

In a related development, Indian Vice President Muhammad Hidayatullah rejected a parliamentary motion for the upper house to take action against publication of an article that said "dacoits (bandits), smugglers and bootleggers are now honored members of legislatures" in India. Hidayatullah, who presides over the house, said the article that appeared earlier this month in *The Times of India* newspaper was "beneath the notice" of the house and should be "treated with contempt."

Says he will not resign

U.K. official caught in scandal

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP) — A British government minister said Wednesday that he would not resign despite his involvement in a controversy over a House of Commons secretary who reportedly tried to hang herself near his London home after their relationship broke up.

Nicholas Fairbairn, 47, solicitor-general for Scotland, told reporters outside his family's ancestral home, Fordell Castle, near Fife in east Scotland: "There is no prospect of such a thing (resigning). I would like to think that the press might have some feeling for human beings."

Several British national newspapers reported Wednesday that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher asked the government chief whip, or Commons floor manager, Michael Jopling, to inquire into the incident — leaked to reporters by other legislators at the Commons Tuesday night.

But a spokesman at Mrs. Thatcher's No. 10 Downing Street office said Wednesday the prime minister was told about the incident by Jopling Tuesday and did not intend to pursue the matter further. Jopling, government sources said, was aware of Commons gossip about Fairbairn for some time, but did not pass it on to the prime minister until journalists began asking questions.

The reports said that the woman, a secretary at the Commons until 18 months ago,

used to commit suicide two months ago by hanging herself from a lamp post outside Fairbairn's London apartment, but was cut down and saved by Fairbairn's 17-year-old daughter, Charlotte.

Press Association, the British domestic news agency, later quoted an unidentified neighbor as saying Site Fairbairn told her daughter, who works as a cleaner for the minister, that the secretary tried to hang herself from a wrought iron gate leading to a yard behind the apartment.

Fairbairn, a nattily dressed figure who has the hereditary title Baron of Fordell, was divorced two years ago from his wife of 17 years. Fairbairn refused to confirm or deny the incident.

London's evening newspaper, *The Standard*, said the woman — who has not been identified, is in her early 30s and the daughter of a major-general. Another Commons secretary was quoted by Press Association as confirming the woman tried to kill herself, and said she is recovering at the home of friends.

Fairbairn, who designs his own clothes, once listed his hobbies as pleasure seeking. In the current edition of who's who he describes himself as an author, farmer, painter, poet, bon viveur and wit, and lists his hobby as curing British tick fever.

Battered by opposition

Anti-Begin motion defeated

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23 (AFP) — The Israeli parliament Wednesday defeated a motion of no-confidence in Prime Minister Menahem Begin filed over his move to annex the Golan Heights.

Parliament rejected the motion, put by the tiny Shinui opposition party backed by the Labor group, by a vote of 57 to 47. Though Begin's ruling Likud coalition has only a 61-59 majority in the vote, several non-coalition members sided with Likud. The coalition was assured of victory long before the vote, but Begin decided to interrupt his convalescence from a broken leg to partici-

pate in the balloting. Arthur Rubinstein, a Shinui member of parliament, said Begin's angry denunciation Sunday of the U.S. decision to suspend a military cooperation agreement "inflamed the conflict with irresponsible words."

He also accused Begin of "zigzagging from one extreme to another ... President (Ronald) Reagan, four months ago the best friend of Israel, is now subjected to the thunder of Begin."

The kindest interpretation of Begin's behavior, he charged, was that "he didn't see the truth. He didn't read the facts. He didn't recognize reality and he misled the people in praising and lauding the Reagan administration for more than a year after its election."

Rubinstein called Begin's policy "twitchy outbursts of verbal thunder and lightning all of which stem from the prime minister's feelings. These outbursts are immediately translated into action without even the external trappings of procedure."

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir defended Begin, acknowledging that "the statements of Menahem Begin condemning the policy of sanctions against Israel applied by Washington were harsh, but necessary."

"Begin weighed each of its words," Shamir added. "It would be aberrant not to dare to express our sentiments frankly to our American friends, and not tell them what to think of their unjustifiable and unacceptable attitude." He added that "Israeli-American friendship was the basis of our foreign policy."

Begin had told U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis Sunday that Israel was not a "vassal state" nor a "banana republic," and rejected any U.S. attempts to "punish" their actions. He said that as far as Israel is concerned, the strategic agreement is closed.

Urging firmer steps against Israel Fahd postpones U.S. visit

By Wahib Ghorab Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 23 — The Saudi Arabian government Wednesday announced that Crown Prince Fahd has agreed with U.S. President Ronald Reagan to postpone his Jan. 19 Washington visit.

An official statement said that the decision was taken in the light of the "current situation in the Middle East, in particular, and in the world in general, necessitating Prince Fahd's presence in the Kingdom."

Meanwhile, Prince Fahd saw Syrian President Hafez Assad off Wednesday morning, on his way to Kuwait within the context of his Gulf tour. Prince Fahd commented on President Reagan's decision to impose sanctions on Israel for its resolve to annex occupied Golan. He told *Arab News* that "the American position deserves gratitude but we expect them to adopt firmer attitude toward Israel."

Prince Fahd emphasized that the Kingdom will never allow Israel to seize any part of occupied Arab territory, including the Syrian Golan Heights. He said that President Assad's visit was within the context of intensifying Arab contacts and meeting with King Khalid.

The two leaders discussed Israel's decision to annex Golan and made a general review of the Arab-Israeli conflict, he added. Prince Fahd said that the two leaders stressed the "need for the restoration of Arab solidarity and waiving of all differences, whatever their nature." He said, "the current situation calls upon the Arab nation and its leadership to rise to levels of responsibility, and they are undoubtedly at that level."

Prince Fahd said he hoped that President Assad's current Gulf tour would produce effects, adding that "we hope it is a prelude to other visits among Arab leaders, so that the outcome of the upcoming summit conference (which was earlier postponed) turns out to be very good." He said the new date for the summit "has not been decided yet, but the circumstances call for its convening as soon as possible."

Asked whether he believed that Israel's annexation of Jerusalem and Golan would pave the way for also annexing the West

Bank, Prince Fahd replied: "If (the question) intends Israel's view or wishes, then it is even beyond that, reaching from the Euphrates to the Nile. It has very big ambitions which are not confined to Golan or Jerusalem. However, the Arab nation will not hesitate in taking a resolute stand in restoring its rights in any way possible."

The crown prince said that the nature of action required, as far as possible, should be through peaceful means to regain the Arab rights, for that is better. Otherwise, the leaders of the Arab nation will have no recourse but to use other means to ensure the restoration of their legitimate rights.

Regarding Israel's announcement that its decision on Golan is irrevocable and also that it has refused to capitulate to the U.N. Security Council's resolution, Prince Fahd expressed his disappointment.

Yamani, Reagan held secret talks

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 — Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources, conveyed a verbal message from Crown Prince Fahd to President Ronald Reagan last week *Arab News* learned from special sources here Wednesday.

The message dealt with the crown prince's views on the latest developments in the Middle East, following the Israeli measures to annex occupied Golan. It is understood that prolonged discussions were held between Yamani and U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig. Yamani later called on President Reagan in the presence of Haig and the Kingdom's ambassador here Sheikh Faisal Alhagelan.

Prince Fahd's views and what he expects from Washington reportedly received Reagan's attention and clearly reflected on the American attitude toward Israel. During Yamani's meetings with Reagan and Haig, which were shrouded with secrecy, an agreement was reached to postpone Prince Fahd's visit to Washington to another time to be decided later.

sed no surprise over Israel's pronouncements. He added that "it will be good (for us) not to precipitate the events, but to await the outcome of the Security Council's meeting on Jan. 5."

Asked whether he foresaw any likelihood of a war, Prince Fahd said "the possibility of war is there all the time, so long as the matters take the unnatural course. But we, as Arabs, do not want war; we want an honorable peace that restores our full rights. But if matters get complicated, there would be no solution but to take back the land the way it had been usurped."

The crown prince was asked to comment on French Minister Claude Cheysson's recent statement in which he had attacked the European Middle East initiative. He replied: "In fact, the statement was ascribed to the French minister for foreign relations, but later on, we heard a statement amending Cheysson's previous statement. I believe that the French president or the foreign minister, as I understand from my meetings with them, support us. The news agencies' reports about Cheysson's statement could be somewhat distorted. But I won't excuse the French minister if he touched on the matters without their natural circumstance."

On the other hand, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam told *Arab News* that talks between King Khalid and President Assad were "very excellent." He added that their discussions covered all matters concerning the current Arab situation. There was complete understanding on all the matters discussed, he said.

Blasts rock Paris area

PARIS, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Four explosions caused by bottles of cooking gas went off in four separate parts of Paris early Wednesday, causing material damage but no casualties, police reported. Later an anonymous telephone caller told AFP that the explosions were the work of the terrorist group Action Directe.

Two of the explosions were in the smart 16th sector where a Rolls Royce showroom was wrecked. Another explosion wrecked a restaurant in the place De La Bastille.

First batch of Faisal U doctors graduate

DAMMAM, Dec. 23 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd attended Wednesday the graduation of the first batch of Saudi Arabian doctors from the King Faisal University here and said it was one of the happiest days of his life. He thanked the Minister of Higher Education Sheikh Hassan Al Sheikh and the faculty members for their splendid services to education.

Recalling his days as the first minister of education in the 1950s Prince Fahd said that

25 years ago the total number of students in all schools in the Kingdom did not exceed 40,000. Today, he said, the universities alone have a great number of students. The country has 1.4 million students, he said.

Last year the prince also attended the graduation ceremonies for the first class of doctors from King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah. He announced during the ceremony that he was honored to be in attendance on such an important occasion.

Wednesday's ceremonies at King Faisal University were also attended by the Governor of the Eastern Region Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi, the Minister of Higher Education Sheikh Hassan Al Sheikh, the University Rector Dr. Muhammad Al Oahanti and others.

Sheikh Hassan said the country was proud to have seven medical faculties in various cities.



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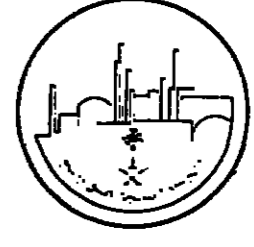
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Applications are to be submitted to the Royal Commission no later than 31 January 1982.

Local doctors graduation highlighted

DAMMAM, Dec. 23 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd attended the graduation ceremony Wednesday for the first batch of medical students from King Faisal University here which comprises 19 men and 13 women.

On this occasion, several state officials and educators expressed their pleasure over Prince Fahd's meeting with the students and the teaching staff and said that his presence is yet another evidence of the government's concern for the progress of education and welfare of teachers.

Saudi Arabian newspapers Wednesday highlighted the occasion and published commentaries on the educational progress in the Kingdom. In a special supplement *Al Yom* broadly reviewed the progress in university education, publishing interviews with Higher Education Minister Sheikh Abdullah Al-Sheikh and Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani.

Al-Sheikh dwelt on the role of universities in the realization of international cooperation through the exchange of information in academic fields. He highlighted the role of Saudi Arabian universities in tackling the

problems of the society and devising ways and means to contribute effectively in developing the Saudi society from educational and cultural aspects. He said he was optimistic that university education will have a still bright future due to the state's concern for higher studies.

On the other hand, Yamani said he was immensely happy with Prince Fahd's patronage of the university's convocation. In an article published by the paper, he said the crown prince had taken upon himself the responsibility of spreading education at the very early age of this country, and he made pioneering efforts for the sake of popularizing education.

He added that Prince Fahd's sense of education is different from others, in view of the fact that he himself was busy in the educational progress and has exerted much labor for the spread of education.

The information minister praised Al-Sheikh's efforts in boosting the university education and also hailed the efforts of the university's rector, its deans and the entire teaching staff in overcoming difficulties. He

said these men have worked with great sincerity to bring the university to the present level. He said he was confident of a bright future of the university.

Yamani said he believed that the university education in the country would effectively help in solving the development problems, by way of preparing special cadres in different fields and conducting different kinds of academic researches in the university.

Meanwhile, the university senate held a meeting Tuesday night, presided over by the higher education minister in his capacity as the chancellor of the Kingdom's universities. The meeting dealt with a number of subjects connected with the university.

Those who attended included Dr. Yamani; Dr. Muhammad Said Al-Qahani, University rector; Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr, rector of the University of Petroleum and Minerals, and a number of senate members from the two universities.

Following the meeting, Qahani stated that the participants discussed measures connected with the appointment of a dean for the Faculty of Education, which has received the first batch of students this year, and also the appointment of a dean for the Faculty of Veterinary Science and Animal Resources in Ahsa, besides a number of faculty representatives in the university council.

Among the significant resolutions adopted by the senate, was the establishment of a department for interior designing and decoration for women students, Qahani said. The senate further approved the opening of new departments for the College of Education and the renewal of the membership of Dr. Muhammad Turki Al-Turki as chairman of the university Academic Council.

Qahani added that the senate also discussed the first three parts of the university's budget for 1982-83, and heard the annual report of the university.

Sanaa praises SDF assistance

SANAA, Dec. 23 (SPA) — The Minister of Electricity and Water Muhammad Al-Jusaid commended Wednesday the contributions of the Saudi Development Fund and other Arab funds in the financing of a \$300 million power generation project in North Yemen.

The contributions were pledged during a meeting of representatives of the Saudi Development Fund, the Kuwaiti Fund of Economic Development, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development of Abu Dhabi and OPEC.

The project will include the building of power houses, high tension cables and transmission stations in addition to 300 housing units for the personnel involved in running it. "The assistance is symbolic of the spirit of brotherhood and mutual cooperation in building a prosperous life in the Yemen Arab Republic," Junaid said.

U.S. supports Saudi-Bahraini security accord

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP) — The U.S. State Department Wednesday welcomed the signing earlier this week of a joint security pact between Saudi Arabia and Bahrain in the aftermath of plot by Iranian terrorists to assassinate government officials.

"It is a long standing U.S. position to welcome political, economic and security cooperation among states in the Gulf region," the department said in a written response to reporters' questions.

It said the joint security agreement was signed on Dec. 20 during a visit to Bahrain by Saudi Arabian Interior Minister Prince Naif ibn Abdul Aziz. It said it had no further details of the agreement.

Earlier this week, a Bahrain newspaper, quoting interior ministry officials, said the band terrorists seized 10 days ago have told interrogators in a "detailed confession" they were trained in Iran and planned to attack Bahraini government installations and assassinate officials in the island state and other Gulf nations.

The secretary general of the Gulf Cooperation Council issued a statement at the time pledging to support Bahrain against "outside aggression."

Japanese firm wins order for boilers

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (AP) — Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries Co. of Japan said Wednesday it has received a 3,000 million yen (\$13.8 million) order from Saudi Arabia for four boilers to be used for a petrochemical plant.

The boilers, each capable of producing 153 tons of process steam per hour, will be shipped to the Saudi Yanbu Petrochemical Company by the end of May 1983, IHHI officials said.

Ministry gives party

JEDDAH, Dec. 23 (SPA) — The Foreign Ministry gave a dinner banquet at Kandara Hotel Tuesday to bid farewell to Indonesia's ambassador Hadi Tayeb at the end of his tenure. The dinner was attended by Salem Sunbul, foreign ministry chief of protocol, Indonesian embassy staff and other diplomats here.

Learn German

JEDDAH, Dec. 23 (SPA) — German classes will be organized in Jeddah and Riyadh for beginners and higher levels, according to a statement by the embassy Wednesday. The courses will begin Jan. 2 and will be conducted by German university-trained instructors.

Solaim to open hotel symposium

RIYADH, DEC. 23 (SPA) — Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim will open Monday a seminar about hotels in the Kingdom, it was reported Wednesday.

The seminar, to be held at Riyadh Marriot Hotel, will discuss problems facing the hotel industry in the Kingdom and propose suitable solutions. A committee will be formed to prepare the recommendations and resulting from it. The one-day event will be attended by hotel owners and managers in the country.

In another development, the Commerce Ministry will not consider any applications for hotel licenses by owners or lessors of buildings which were constructed under licenses other than this specific purpose, officials said Wednesday.

Abdul Aziz Al-Jasser, the ministry's hotels department director, said the move was enforced because such buildings do not have the conditions and specifications applied on hotel structures.

British trade delegation due here

By Suresh Shah


JEDDAH, Dec. 23 — A 19-member British trade mission, sponsored by the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, will visit the Kingdom next month, according to David Gore-Booth, British commercial secretary here Wednesday.

The mission, headed by Robert J. Daniels, OBE, will visit Jeddah Jan. 22 to 26, Riyadh Jan. 26 to 31 and the Eastern Province Jan. 31 to Feb. 4, 1982. During their stay, they will meet representatives of trade and industry and government officials.

Saudi Arabia is Britain's largest market in the Middle East, and after Nigeria, its biggest market outside Western Europe and the U.S.

Britain held a steady 8 percent total of the Saudi Arabian import market. In 1980, moved up from fourth to third place (to replace West Germany) after the U.S. and Japan in terms of major exporters from OECD countries.

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By visiting IMCO chief National shipping expansion urged

By Javid Hassan
Arab News Staff

RIYADH, Dec. 23 — Secretary General of the London-based Inter-government Maritime Consultation Organization (IMCO) C.P. Srivastava a vigorous drive to raise the Kingdom's shipping tonnage which presently stands at three percent of the total 25 million tons of dry cargo imported every year. He said there is a vast scope for improving the tonnage carried by the national ships and assured the government of IMCO's full cooperation in achieving this goal.

Sino-Saudi body meeting set

TAIPEI, Dec. 23 (CNA) — Chinese Economic Affairs Minister Chao Yao-Tung will lead a 20-member delegation to take part in the sixth session of the Sino-Saudi Permanent Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation to be held in Riyadh Jan. 9.

Islamic industry talks organized

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 23 (SPA) — Islamic industry ministers will meet here Feb. 14 to discuss practical means for realizing industrial cooperation among members states of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

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fixed at 40 percent the quantum of cargo to be carried by the respective ships of developing countries. "While this can be the long-term goal, it certainly is possible to improve the tonnage progressively, particularly in the case of Saudi Arabia which has plenty of resources."

Crash training program at two levels—one at the managerial level and the other for training the citizens in technical skills — are the prime need, Srivastava said adding: "I insist that the managerial cadre be drawn only from the nationals, although the workers can be recruited initially from other countries." The training program should be backed up by the creation of infrastructural facilities to ensure marine safety, pollution control and the undertaking of ship repairs,

cooperation between their universities and research institutes. The conference will review the existing cooperation in the fresh-water aquaculture and the development of unicef protein.

New cooperation items to be discussed at the meeting will include Chinese assistance in the soil-maintenance work in the vicinity of the Kingdom's solar energy station and the dispatching of Chinese dentists and experts on underground water.

The forthcoming meeting will be divided into five special discussion panels on agriculture, industry, trade, telecommunications, and finance.

University plans nature seminar

RIYADH, Dec. 23 (SPA) — A seminar on the role of "natural factors in the service of humanity" will be organized here by the Riyadh University, in cooperation with the Swedish High Institute for Advanced Studies. The symposium is scheduled for Jan. 10 to 15.

The participants will include several scholars on the subject, besides staffers from the Kingdom's universities, the universities of the Gulf Cooperation Council member states, a few ministries and government departments concerned.

An international organizational committee has prepared the topics to be discussed in the seminar. These include among other things,

he said.

The IMCO chief also said he was able to achieve all this during his tenure as the chairman of the Shipping Corporation of India mainly because his government had a clear maritime policy which envisaged a target of 40 percent cargo to be carried by its national ships. "So that brings me to the next point—the need for a definite maritime policy which will help in the formulation of plans," he said.

Only then will it be possible to control the national shipping and boost tonnage "in a country like Saudi Arabia which has so much to export and import." He said Saudi Arabia, which is a member of the 121-member IMCO, and also a member of its governing council, can count on the full support of this specialized agency of the United Nations to develop national shipping. "Whether it is from IMCO or from me personally, it will be my privilege to give any country my advice based on 30 years of shipping experience," he added.

He said it is necessary that shipping industry in the Kingdom, as anywhere else, proceed on "sound technical lines." For this, it is necessary to have not only trained manpower at all levels but also marine safety administration. Initially, government support is imperative until the industry stands on its own.

The IMCO chief disclosed that a maritime university will be set up in Malmö, Sweden, in two years. Sweden has contributed not only \$1 million toward its running cost but also buildings for classes to impart maritime education facilities to all member states of IMCO.

self-sufficient in energy; the impact of fuel gas on the environment; the possibility of purifying oil-polluted water through solar energy and the need for international cooperation in the sphere of research works.

Royal decree issued

RIYADH, Dec. 23 (SPA) — A royal decree issued here Wednesday approved an agreement on scientific and Islamic education cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Indonesia.

The agreement provides for bilateral cooperation on the basis of mutual interest between the two countries.

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Apicorp approves 1982 budget, plan

By a Staff Writer

ALKHOBAR, Dec. 23 (SPA) — The Arab Petroleum Investment Corporation (Apicorp) board held its last quarterly meeting for this year here Wednesday. The meeting dealt with the budget estimates for 1982 which was approved along with the corporation's development plan during the 80's inside and outside the Arab world.

The meeting was presided by Chairman Jamal Hassan Jawa, who is deputy governor of Petromin and representative of the Kingdom. Apicorp is made up of the Kingdom, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Qatar, Syria, Libya, Bahrain and Algeria to channel investments in petroleum-related projects.

During the meeting, the board reviewed reports on the corporation's investment projects, financial statements for the third quarter of 1981 and a general report which is on the progress of the joint ventures under construction.

These projects include the Arab Chemical Detergents Company, underway in Iraq, a lube oil plant and other ventures

under study like the artificial rubber, black carbon and octane booster industries.

The detergents' company for which an agreement was signed between Apicorp and the Iraqi government March 12 in Baghdad, will be set up at an initial capital of 72 million Iraqi dinars. Fifty percent of the capital will be floated for subscription, which the government and Apicorp raise 25 percent each. As soon as legal procedures for the company's establishment are completed, the 50 percent subscription will be offered to members of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), an earlier statement by Apicorp has said.

The Arab Lubricating Oil Company will be set up in Yanbu with a projected capacity of 200,000 tons per annum during the first phase. It will be established in cooperation with Petromin.

One of Apicorp's projects under study now is the joint venture for the production of an octane booster (MTBE) which has been approved in principle. A memo of understanding with Azip and Snam-

progetti (Italian ENI group) for conducting a detailed technical and marketing feasibility study was signed for the project. A final decision for its establishment is still pending.

The board also reviewed financial reports of Apicorp's investments in the Bahraini Gas Company, and an Arab Company for drilling and maintaining artesian wells in Libya, the Arab International Investments Company and the Jordanian Chemical Fertilizer Industry.

The corporation owns a 12 percent share in the equity of the Bahraini company and another 10 percent in the equity of the fertilizer plant in Jordan. Apicorp also offered a \$20 million loan to help boost the fertilizer plant's production expected to come onstream in 1982.

Last April, Jawa said the company had extended \$122 million loans to Algeria, Tunisia and the UAE and will build a plant in Libya for the production of STPP, a petroleum byproduct. The 50,000-ton-a-year plant will cost \$200 million. The corporation announced a net profit of SR108.5 million for 1980.



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Government official, MP slain in Iran

BEIRUT, Dec. 23 (AP) — Iran reported Wednesday two senior figures in Ayatollah Khomeini's regime have been assassinated in a grenade throwing ambush in the northeastern city of Mashhad.

The state-run Tehran radio identified the victims as Mojtaba Ozbaki, parliament deputy from Shahr-e-Kord in the central Iranian province of Bakhtiari, and Gholamali Jaafarzadeh as the city's governor.

They were driving to a holy shrine in Mashhad when two motorcycle-riding assassins hurled grenades on the motorcade Tuesday afternoon, killing Ozbaki and Jaafarzadeh instantly and wounding three others. They were described as the political assistant of Shahr-e-Kord's governor, the commander of the city's Revolutionary Guards Corps and a body guard. Both assassins fled, according to the broadcast which was monitored here.

The radio and Iran's Parliament Speaker Hojatollah Ali-Akbar Rafsanjani blamed the assassination of the underground Mujahedeen Khalq organization, which has been held responsible for a six-month campaign of bombings and assassinations that has claimed the lives of more than 1,000 Khomeini supporters.

The Mujahedeen Khalq campaign to overthrow Khomeini's fundamentalist government was mounted upon the ouster of former President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr on June 22. The group leader, Massoud Rajavi, and Bani-Sadr are now in exile in Paris.

In retaliation, the government executed more than 1,600 leftist opponents, most of them from the Mujahedeen group. On Monday, the International Commission of Jurists said in a survey that more than 2,000 people have been executed in Iran since Bani-Sadr's dismissal.

The wave of bombings and assassinations slowed down for more than a month until Khomeini's personal representative in the southern city of Shiraz, Ayatollah Abdolhossein Dastgheib, was assassinated on Dec. 11.

U.S. assures Egypt on Camp David commitment

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan has assured the government of Egypt that the United States remains committed to the Camp David peace process despite Israel's annexation of the disputed Golan Heights, the State Department said Tuesday.

Dean Fischer, the department spokesman, said Egyptian Ambassador Ashraf Ghorbal personally delivered to Reagan Monday a letter from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak expressing "Egypt's concerns over Israel's action (last week) to extend its laws and jurisdiction to the Golan Heights."

"At the same time the letter reiterated the importance Egypt attaches to the continuation of the Camp David peace process," Fischer said.

"Ambassador Ghorbal was very pleased by the president's reassurances regarding our continued commitment to that process," he said.

As spelled out by the Camp David accords, Israel is committed to complete its withdrawal from the Egyptian Sinai desert in April. The Sinai, the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank of the Jordan River have been occupied by Israel since the end of the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Demonstrators burn Reagan's effigy in Libya

BEIRUT, Dec. 23 (AP) — Thousands of Libyan demonstrators chanted "To hell with America" and burned U.S. President Ronald Reagan in effigy in Libya's Mediterranean port city of Benghazi on Wednesday, Libya's state radio reported.

The broadcast, monitored in Beirut, said the marchers brandished posters that denounced Reagan's "terroristic provocations" against Col. Muammar Qaddafi, the Libyan leader.

The demonstration was staged at the request of Benghazi's Municipality to "manifest Libya's anger and condemnation of the conspiracy hatched by American imperialism against the Libyan nation and its historic leadership," the broadcast said.

"Reagan, you cowboy, you will die before reaching Muammar," chanted the crowds as they set Reagan's effigy on fire at Benghazi's main square, according to the radio which carried what it said were tape-recorded excerpts of the demonstration.

Turkey's leftist union leaders face trial today

ISTANBUL, Dec. 23 (R) — More than 50 of Turkey's left-wing trade union leaders before last year's military coup go on trial Thursday for their lives, accused of trying to set up a Communist state.

The 52 leaders of the giant left-wing labor confederation, known by its Turkish initials DISK, will appear before a martial law court in a sports arena. The military closed the confederation down after the September 1980 coup.

The military prosecutor has already said he will demand the death penalty for all defendants, including DISK leader Abdullah Basturk. DISK, which stands for the Confederation of Revolutionary Trade Unions, was Turkey's second biggest union grouping with 700,000 members.

The indictment, of more than 800 pages, alleges that "the leaders of DISK attempted to destroy Turkey's constitutional order and

backed the establishment of a Marxist-Leninist state."

"DISK was an arm of the Turkish Communist Party, which is supported and directed from the Soviet Union and other Eastern bloc countries," the charge sheet says.

TURK-IS, has been allowed to continue some of its activities since the coup.

Also among the accused Thursday is DISK Secretary-General Fehmi Isiklar. Basturk was elected head of DISK in 1979, after serving as a member of parliament for several years.

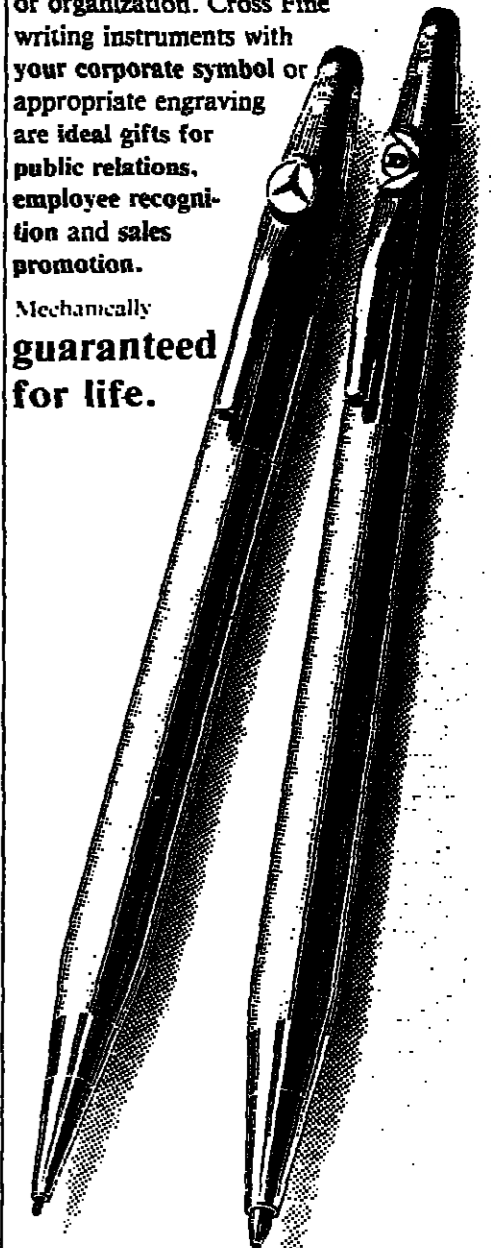
After allegations in the foreign press that both Basturk and Isiklar may have been tortured in detention, a senior military doctor said on television an examination of Basturk had revealed no sign of mistreatment.

The DISK leaders have been held in a military jail in Istanbul since the coup.

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Waldheim's report to Security Council

Israel's stand on Golan unchanged

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has reported no change in Israel's rejection of U.N. resolutions calling on it to rescind its decision to apply Israeli law to the Syrian Golan Heights occupied in 1967.

Waldheim was submitting a written report Tuesday to the Security Council and the General Assembly, which called on him to keep them posted on the application of resolutions they adopted last Thursday demanding that Israel reverse its decision. The assembly resolution requested the secretary-general to report back by Dec. 21 while the council gave him a two-week deadline.

Waldheim noted that, after the council had acted, Israeli representative Yehuda Blum told that body: "Israel cannot and does not accept the resolution just adopted."

The secretary-general added: "As at the time of this report, i.e. 10 a.m. on 21

December, the permanent representative of Israel has informed me that the position of his government remains as indicated in his statement before the Security Council.

Waldheim said he would report further to the council, as requested by its resolution.

Earlier Tuesday Blum said Israel did not consult the United States before annexing the Golan Heights because "we did not want to embarrass our friends."

"No one should have been surprised at the Knesset's decision," he told the California Commonwealth Club, a group of civic leaders.

"But we knew the American response would not be favorable and we did not want to embarrass our friend by consulting America first," Blum said. He said the matter was one of simple disagreement between allies. "Do not treat us like retarded children or naughty adolescents," Blum said.

The United States suspended a strategic

cooperation agreement with Israel after the annexation.

Meanwhile, the Philippine government has deplored Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights.

Philippine Foreign Minister Carlos P. Romulo said in a statement Wednesday the Israeli action is "contrary to International law and violates the United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 which Israel itself has maintained should be the basis for a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East."

Sharon claims agreements with 4 African states

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23 (R) — Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon said Tuesday he had made a trip to Africa recently and reached agreements with African leaders which were being implemented faster than expected.

Speaking during a Knesset (parliament) debate, Sharon did not say which countries he had visited, but Israel radio said he had traveled to four African states.

"All the issues for which I traveled to that continent are being implemented faster than the sides had expected," Sharon said. He would not disclose further details.

Israeli officials have said Sharon went to Africa last month to discuss the possible renewal of ties with some of the many African countries which broke off relations with the Zionist state after the 1973 October war.

The officials have said they expected cooperation with some African countries to increase soon following Sharon's trip. Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko has said he saw no reason why relations with Israel could not be resumed.

Israel radio said that earlier Tuesday Sharon briefed a ministerial committee headed by Prime Minister Menachem Begin on his trip to Africa.

Soviets 'broadening' arms deals with Iran

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP) — The Soviet Union is probably continuing and "possibly broadening" its arms dealings with Iran, the U.S. State Department said Wednesday.

"Since the beginning of the Iran-Iraq war, Iran generally has been unable to acquire Western or U.S.-origin spare parts and has therefore, broadened its acquisitions both directly and indirectly of Soviet-origin ground forces weaponry," the department said.

Afghanistan fighters kill 17 Soviets

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — Muslim freedom fighters in Afghanistan killed 17 Soviet soldiers in ambushes two weeks ago, Western diplomatic sources said here Wednesday. The killings occurred near the capital of Kabul, according to diplomatic reports reaching here Wednesday.

In one incident, the Muslim fighters reportedly attacked a Soviet armored personnel carrier, killing ten Soviet soldiers at Karezze Amir outside Kabul. In another incident Dec. 10, also at Karezze Amir, the fighters captured a Soviet Tank, killing seven of its occupants.

The sources said the Mujahideen — or holy warriors — recently have been attacking Soviet jeeps in the Kabul airport area. On Dec. 14, the fighters opened fire on a Soviet jeep killing the four soldiers inside. The attack took place in the Bimaru suburb near Kabul airport.

A Soviet truck convoy also was bogged down on the Kabul-Wardak-Ghazni road, after two of the vehicles were hit by mines planted by the fighters, the reports said.

In the meantime, diplomatic sources in New Delhi said Wednesday that an Afghan soldier was killed when a bomb he was carrying exploded near the United Nations staff house in Kabul last week.

The sources quoted a diplomatic report from Kabul as saying the bomb was apparently meant to be planted at the house where a reception was held on Dec. 14 for a Soviet official of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Government subsidies cut

Food prices rise 25% in Israel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23 (R) — Food prices in Israel rose between 20 and 25 percent Wednesday because of cuts in government subsidies. Finance Minister Yoram Aridor decided on the cuts Tuesday to avoid the need for an additional budget, and they will save the treasury some 750 million shekel (\$50 million) by the end of the financial year next April, finance ministry officials said.

The finance ministry resorted to massive

subsidies on basic foods to hold down the consumer price index before the general elections last June.

Basic foodstuffs are still heavily subsidized, and the government aims to reduce subsidies to between 25 and 40 percent of the price of the products over the next six months. Official figures show the cost of living in Israel rose almost 92 percent in the first 11 months of this year.

Chad rules out talks with Habre

NDJAMENA, Dec. 23 (R) — Chad's government has ruled out the possibility of talks with the rebel forces of former Defense Minister Hissene Habre fighting in eastern Chad, a government statement said Wednesday.

last week he could come to terms with FAN but never with Habre.

Informed sources here said this could be a prelude to stepping up the counter-offensive against FAN, which took over much of eastern Chad after Libyan troops withdrew last month.

It said talks with the Forces Armees du Nord (FAN) were rejected at a cabinet meeting Tuesday. Any aid offered which was linked to talks with Habre would be rejected, it added. It said that it would not talk with an organization it does not recognize, such as FAN, or a man condemned to death, such as Habre. President Goukouni Oueddei said

The government said Secretary of State for the Interior Abdelkader Yacine would go to Tripoli to redefine Chad's links with Libya. Goukouni has said he might call Libyan troops back into Chad, complaining that the pan-African peace keeping force here refuses to fight against the rebels.

UNRWA facing \$80m deficit in 1982

BEIRUT, Dec. 23 (R) — A United Nations agency helping Palestinian refugees said Wednesday it was facing a deficit of \$80 million in its budget for next year.

how to cover the deficit, which it said increased each year as the cost of operations outstripped voluntary contributions.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) said U.N. General Assembly delegates had been unable to agree

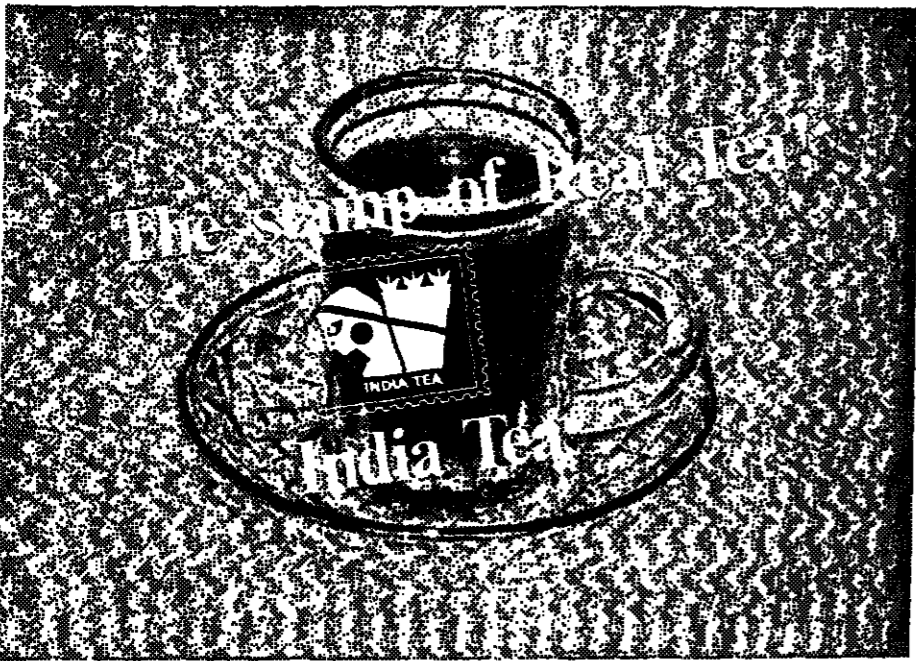
UNRWA provides health, education and relief services to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Israeli-occupied territories.

Foreign experts can work for Iran

BELGRADE, Dec. 23 (AP) — The Iranian Majlis (parliament) Wednesday passed a law allowing the ministry of national defense to hire foreign experts, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported from Tehran. Tanjug said the Iranian government sub-

mitted the law for approval Tuesday and asked the parliament to vote on it under emergency procedure.

The agency said the government needed the law to employ 95 foreign military experts, but their nationality was not given.

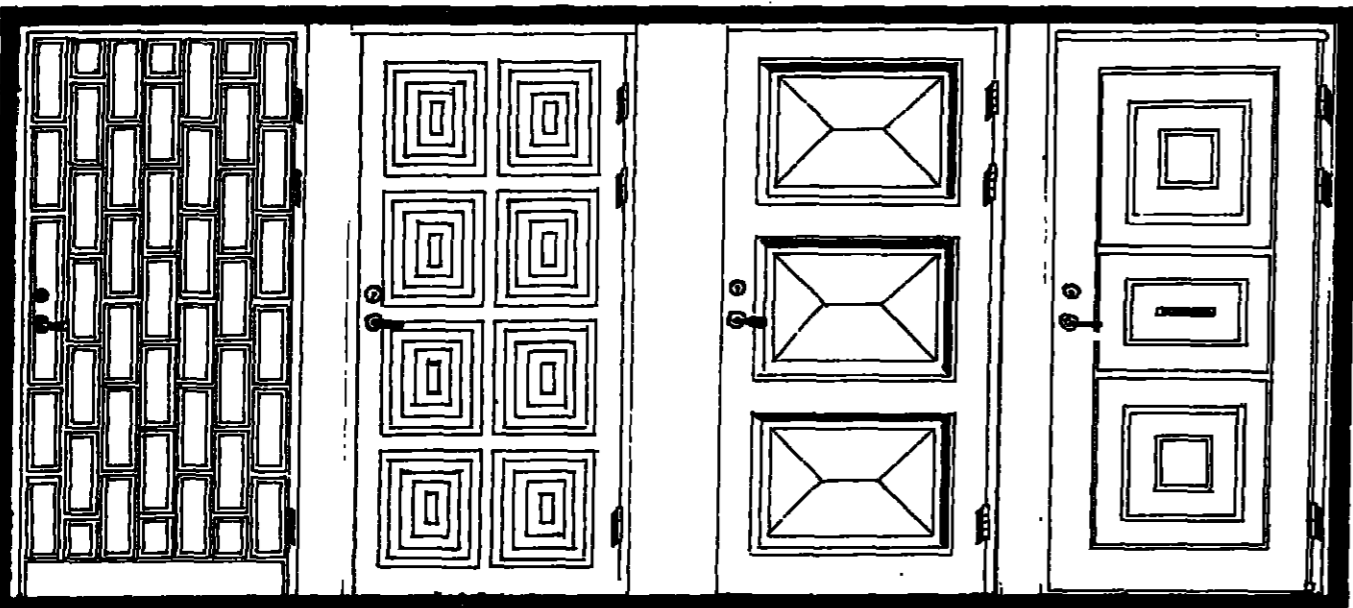


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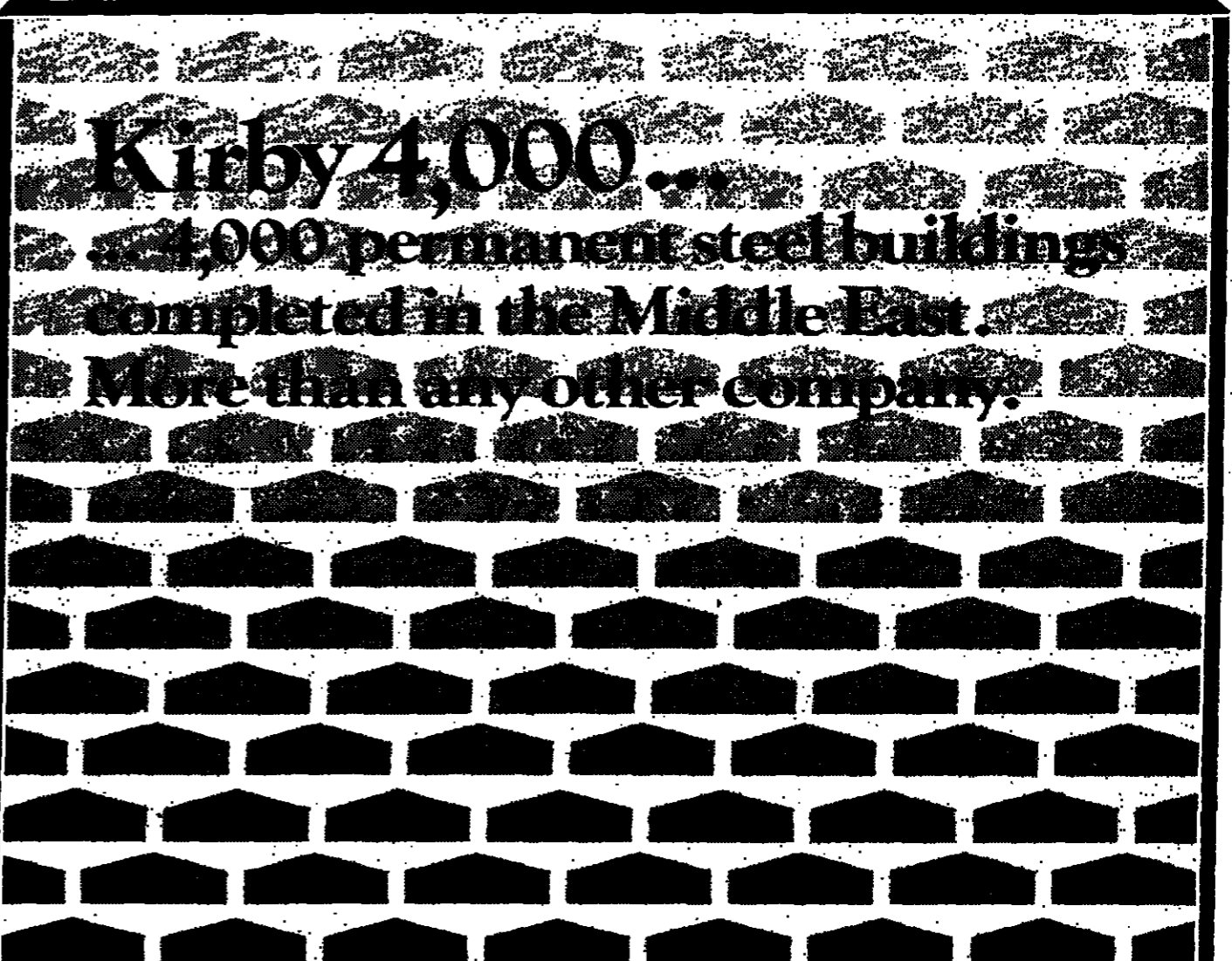
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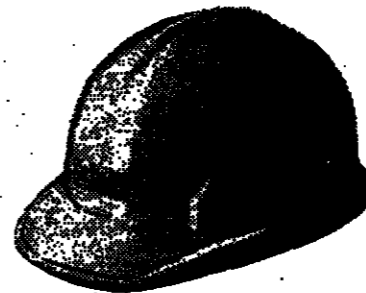
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FAHD AND EDUCATION

When Crown Prince Fahd attended the graduation of the first class of Saudi Arabian doctors from King Abdul Aziz University last year he said that the newspapers were incorrect to say that "he will honor the ceremony by attending it." Instead, he told the convocation, he was honored to attend because the occasion was especially important to him and to the country.

The reason is that Prince Fahd has had more to do with the development of higher education in the Kingdom than anyone else. He was the country's first education minister who began almost from scratch back in the mid-fifties. He set up the first educational plan for the Kingdom which began from primary schools through to faculties of medicine and engineering and the sciences.

When he left the ministry to take up another portfolio, the country had already been on the right path to a massive educational service that now imparts knowledge to nearly a million boys and girls. To him goes much of the credit as well as to his successors in the ministry.

Yesterday's graduation of another group of men and women doctors, in the Eastern Region, is another proud day for the Kingdom especially since it involves medical graduation. Doctors in this country as well as in many other developing countries still command a certain aura of importance because for many generations they were led to believe that teaching medicine must remain confined to the universities of the developed countries. It is too difficult, complex and costly, for the smaller states to handle alone, they were told.

Perhaps, even as recently as ten years ago, it was thought unlikely that Saudi Arabia will produce well-trained modern-day doctors before the end of the century. With determination, generous funding and proper planning, the job was done much earlier. There are now men and women doctors who can practise and claim to be the first graduates of Saudi Arabia's medical education. Prince Fahd will have again felt both pleased and honored to have been instrumental in bringing about this remarkable development.

Saudi Arabian press review

Wednesday's newspapers commented on the importance of Syrian President Hafez Assad's talks with King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd at the present crucial stage in the Middle East region.

Al-Riyadh underlined the significance of the talks held at a very sensitive stage, following the suspension of the Fez Arab summit, the postponement of a final decision on the Saudi Arabian Middle East peace plan and the absence of any Arab moves to push forward a solution for the Palestinian issue on an international basis and to fill the political vacuum created by the failure of the Camp David accords.

"The talks between President Assad and King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd will lead to a unanimous Arab stand for unifying ranks to face challenges to the Arab nation," the paper added.

The paper felt Arab took advantage of the petty Arab differences, which failed to create a minimum unanimity among Arab leaders to face the continuing Zionist challenges in the region.

Commenting on the same subject, **Okaz** said the talks between President Assad and Saudi Arabian leaders are held at a very critical phase faced by the Arab world and following Israel's decision to annex the Golan Heights.

The paper observed that the talks have endorsed the prevailing coherence and coordination between Syria and Saudi Arabia to face the threat to peace and security in the region and foil the Israeli plans to annex others' territories by force.

Okaz said President Assad's meeting with King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd comes within the framework of Arab solidarity led by the Kingdom's sincere desire to mobilize and coordinate all its potentials for restoring the Golan, the West Bank, Gaza and Jerusalem.

The paper said the talks between the leaders of Syria and Saudi Arabia coincided with a change in the U.S. stance in the Middle East, "a change that is not quite clear yet."

Al-Madinah said the working visit of President Assad to Riyadh following the Israeli decision to annex the Syrian Golan Heights conforms with "Saudi Arabian moves in the international arena in support of Arab causes and its deep impact, which has partially contributed to exploding the U.S.-Zionist ties."

The paper noted that the Arabs are now in a dire need of a mature and wise leadership that could show them the rational way for realizing their goals and just causes.

Al-Madinah urged the Arabs to raise themselves above their petty differences and consider seriously the dangerous events that are basically aiming to destroy their existence and advised them not to be trapped in any pacts or polarization.

Al-Bilad said the Arabs should devise joint moves to counter the Israeli decision to annex the Golan Heights and formulate an integrated strategic Arab plan under the umbrella of solidarity and unity. (SPA)



Polish crackdown poses dilemma to NATO

By Sidney Weiland

LONDON — With Western attitudes hardening over the Polish military crackdown, NATO governments are trying to decide how to react without harming the Polish people. Since last December, when fear of a Soviet invasion was strong, the 15 NATO governments have had a "check list" of counter-measures to hit Kremlin interests in the event of direct Soviet intervention.

Below this threshold, it has been hard for the West to lay down in advance precisely what action would be called for if Moscow stayed on the sidelines, leaving it to Polish authorities to use home-grown force to crush the country's labor militants. This has now happened, facing the 15 NATO nations with an acute political dilemma.

Western diplomatic analysts say the West could cut off economic aid, stop food supplies and bar future loans to Poland almost by the stroke of a pen. But governments are aware such measures would strike harder at Poland's 35 million people than at the military regime now in control, particularly in deep winter when food is running short and everyday life for ordinary Poles is rapidly worsening.

When martial law was clamped down 11 days ago, the initial Western reaction was to wait and see in hopes that bloodshed could be avoided and that Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski's military council would chart a continuing reformist course. Since then, Western leaders have been shocked by what they see as a brutal response by soldiers and internal security forces to crack remaining pockets of resistance.

According to reports reaching Western capitals, about 200 people may have been killed in street and factory clashes, thousands have been injured, and thousands more are in detention in bitterly cold and overcrowded camps.

While Jaruzelski's Military Council of National

Salvation has pledged to continue reforms, it has so far given no clear hint of its real political intentions.

Western officials, in talks in European capitals this week, are assessing whether the crackdown has reached the limits of "repression" that would automatically trigger retaliation. They are also trying to determine whether Soviet "co-responsibility" justifies reprisals also against the Kremlin.

President Ronald Reagan has said it would be "naive" to imagine the Polish regime was acting without Soviet knowledge and support, although Moscow has been careful to withhold full public endorsement of the crackdown.

Lord Carrington, Britain's foreign secretary, said Monday that "what is happening in Poland is something entirely agreeable to the Soviet Union because they want to see Solidarity crushed."

Western analysts believe there is little hope now that the Solidarity trade union movement will be allowed to function as an independent force, even if the government tries to reopen a dialogue with its moderate leaders. The analysts also think military rule will continue for a long time, and that the risk of Soviet intervention if worker resistance persists is still a strong possibility.

They say Polish authorities probably hope that remaining pockets of resistance will crumble as workers in strike-bound factories return home for holidays, and that it will be difficult for them to reorganize after the break.

But this was by no means certain. Solidarity supporters could resume sit-ins which have already led to heavy losses in production and may continue to challenge the army and police.

Western officials, basing themselves on radioed reports from embassies in Warsaw, say the situation has deteriorated in the last few days, increasing the chances of Soviet intervention if the Polish economy grinds to a standstill. The officials say that Moscow, while obviously reluctant to move in, may

Brazil president ensures victory in elections

By Jan Rocha

SAO PAULO, Brazil — In a surprise move, Brazil's President Joao Figueiredo has interrupted the all-party negotiations taking place over arrangements for next year's elections, and announced a packet of measures designed to assure an easy victory for the government party, PDS.

Opinion polls had shown that the opposition parties were likely to win most of the state governorships and a majority in congress by forming coalitions to fight the PDS. Under the new rules announced by Figueiredo, however, coalitions and alliances become impossible, because each party must now put up candidates at every level.

In addition, voters must now cast all their votes in the simultaneous elections for mayors, councillors, state assemblies, congress, senate and state governor, for candidates from the same party. If they do not their votes will be annulled. This measure heavily favors the government, because mayors depend on government funds to administer their towns, while opposition mayors are all too often denied them. As a result 3,176 out of Brazil's 3,789 mayors belong to the government party.

For the smaller opposition parties it will be impossible for the candidates to find the resources to campaign in nearly 4,000 municipalities and 23 states.

The presidential measures are contained in a bill that will now be rushed through congress under the emergency rule. In addition, any government congressman who refuses to vote for it will lose his parliamentary mandate.

President Figueiredo justified these Draconian measures by blaming the opposition for saying he refused to be placed "up against a wall" during negotiations. In fact his announcement came just after an amicable meeting which the opposition left believing they had secured government agreement to a few concessions.

Leaders of the opposition parties reacted violently. Senator Trancoso Neves, president of the liberal party, PP, said: "To avoid a spectacular defeat at the poll the government is trying through corrupt and corrupting laws to escape that judgment. A coup is on the way and the nation will once more be plunged into the dark days of a liberalicide era."

Other leaders were equally pessimistic, and accused the president of betraying his promises to hold free elections.

The presidential backlash, however, comes after several indications that Figueiredo's planned return to democracy was running into difficulties, especially among the headline military sectors who had no intention of handing back power to civilians.

Last month 11 trade union leaders, including Luis Inacio da Silva, the president of Brazil's first grassroots party, the PT or workers party, were sentenced by a military court for leading a metalworkers' strike in 1980. At the same time the progressive Roman Catholic Church, which has taken up the cause of Brazil's millions of landless peasants expelled from their land by ranchers and land speculators, is under fire.

Two French priests are accused of organizing an ambush by a group of peasants in which a farm manager was killed. Although they themselves were expelled from Laos by the Communists, fathers Aristide Camio and Francois Gourouou are accused by a military court of working with Brazilian Communists and planning armed resistance.

Finally, even those within the government who tried to do something about the worsening social situation, due to high unemployment, a 100 percent a year inflation rate and a devastating drought in the northeast that has left hundreds of thousands hungry, have had the door slammed in their faces.

Last month the labor minister confessed failure in his attempt to persuade the all-powerful planning minister, Delfim Neto, to finance a jobs program for some of the two-and-a-half million unemployed. Brazil's jobs have no social security benefit to fall back on. (ONS)

Israel disillusioned with Reagan administration

By Arthur Max

TEL AVIV — The disillusionment was a long time in building. It began last March when the U.S. government offered to sell Saudi Arabia AWACS radar planes, the first time the Arabs were to have equipment more modern than anything in the Israeli arsenal. Israel's reaction was soft-spoken, but coupled with congressional opposition it was enough to force the White House to withhold the proposed sale.

By September, when the Reagan administration reintroduced the AWACS package in Congress, the battle over the deal became nasty: Reagan accused Israel of interfering in U.S. foreign policy. Supporters said Congress had to choose between Reagan and Begin, prompting the Israeli leader to charge Sunday that the AWACS fight "was accompanied by an ugly anti-Semitic campaign."

The administration's partial support of the Saudi

An Israeli newspaper reprints an old picture of Prime Minister Menachem Begin embracing Jimmy Carter. The caption has the former U.S. president saying: "Well, Menachem, are you missing me already?"

With Ronald Reagan's election, Israel anticipated a smooth four years with his administration and an end to pressure politics of the Carter White House. But now Israel sees itself in its worst crisis in decades with an American government. Begin gave vent to accumulated rancor Sunday when he accused the United States of treating Israel like "a vassal state" and a "banana republic."

In his election campaign, Reagan stressed Israel's role as a strategic ally and flatly condemned the Palestine Liberation Organization as "terrorist." A warm friendship was predicted for Begin and Reagan, two old cold warriors who saw the world in black and white terms.

Now Israeli newspapers headline rumors that Washington is flirting with the idea of bringing the PLO into peace talks by amending the basic U.N. resolutions underpinning Mideast peace efforts. And Washington has suspended the watered-down strategic alliance with Israel signed Nov. 30 in reprisal for Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights. That action triggered the furious response from Begin, who said he considered the new agreement annulled.

Begin said the suspension of the agreement marked the third time in six months that the Reagan administration had sanctioned Israel.

In June, after Israel destroyed Iraq's nuclear reactor near Baghdad, the United States delayed shipment of four F-16 fighter planes. It was the first time Washington had stopped an arms delivery already in the pipeline. Again in July, Washington held up Israeli-destined aircraft after the Israelis bombed Palestinian headquarters in Beirut.

"Are we 14-year-old boys who get their fingers slapped when they don't behave?" Begin lectured the U.S. ambassador Sunday after the third punishment.

"The Americans can't push us around endlessly," says a top official of the Begin government. "This administration has caused us a lot of trouble."

Arabian eight-point peace plan, which Israel flatly refused to consider, fueled Begin's fury over the administration's pro-Saudi stance. But sources close to Begin indicate that the U.S. failure to defuse the Lebanon crisis embittered the Israeli leader even more than the AWACS affair.

Last spring Syria wheeled a dozen antiaircraft missile batteries into eastern Lebanon, threatening Israeli overflights. Begin ordered the missiles destroyed, but bad weather forced the attack planes to turn back. Reagan cautioned the Israelis to delay military action and sent veteran diplomat Philip Habib to persuade Syria to roll back its missiles.

"That was the beginning of a very long and ridiculous mission," said one Begin aide, noting that the missiles were still in place after four rounds of Habib's shuttle diplomacy. (AP)

Letter to the editor

Sir,

It is amazing that an AP report from Peking, dated Dec. 22, about the performance by a Chinese doctor of ordinary eye plastic surgery found its way to the front page of your esteemed newspaper on December 23, 1981 and used up such a sizable valuable space.

The amazement felt by me as a citizen from the Republic of China and the readers would not have been so acute if the story had been related to some advanced or unheard-of technique of plastic surgery. But nothing of the sort is found in the Associated Press report, whose correspondent in Peking, Victoria Graham, is known to have written many such pieces of pro-Communist trash. The story is merely about a kind of plastic surgery which has been practiced daily for scores of years in many other non-backward countries. It is a story of a dog biting a man.

The assessment of relative newsworthiness of a report is indisputably the responsibility of the editor. But the readers will never understand why your esteemed editor should have relegated the statement by U.S. President Reagan on peace marches to the back page and that of Brezhnev on arms race to a center page in the newspaper of the same day, apparently to give room on the front page

to the story of a Peking plastic surgeon.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: What is so amazing about an interesting feature story appearing on page one now and then in place of routine and oft-repeated political statements? If the story had not originated from Communist China, would you have objected to it and written a letter of protest to us? We doubt it.

We assure you that our love and affection for the Republic of China, Taiwan, are unshaken and the publication of a story from the mainland does not in any way mean anything but a desire to give Arab News' readers well-rounded coverage of world news and features.

If the AP correspondent in the mainland is filing pro-Communist stories, you can be sure that we have enough editorial judgment to detect them at once and to relegate them to the waste paper basket. Reagan, Brezhnev, Thatcher, Gandhi, Mubarak and other political figures already occupy sufficient newspaper space and a little variety will do no harm whether it is a story from Communist China or a tribal custom in Cambodia. Thank you.

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PROUD HAWK OWNERS: A nobleman from the Punjab area of Pakistan is shown on the left with his favorite hawk. Right, a short-winged goshawk from the Gilgit area in the northern reaches of Pakistan.

Falconers need skill, patience, key to training hawks is love

By A.E. Rajput

KARACHI, Pakistan — Falconry, which means keeping and training of hawks, has always been one of the noble amusements of kings and princes since earliest times. Before the gun was invented, hunting with hawks was a popular sport. Even when the arms were available, the Arab, Turkish, Persian and Moghul rulers in the Middle East, Arabia, Persia, and the Asian sub-continent kept their interest alive in this sport.

Nowadays this sport is popular only among the nobility of the Arab states and of Pakistan's northwestern frontier area surrounded by the rough and rugged mountains. The *Jagirdars* and landlords of Peshawar, Kohat, Bannu, Dera Ismail Khan, and of Dir, Chitral, Swat, Gilgit and Hunza are still greatly interested in the regal pastime.

Few field sports call for as much skill as falconry. The falconer must not only understand thoroughly the ins and outs of the game and other tricks of hawking which vary with each species of quarry sought, he must also train his hawk or hawks so that he knows fully just what each bird can do.

Training a wild hawk is very much an individual matter. The falconer must be a man with a genuine love of hawks, a good deal of time at his disposal and he must have a suitable area to conduct his training and later his hawking.

Hawks generally make their nests at the highest points in the inaccessible gorges and difficult reaches in the mountains. A hawk hunter has first to find the bird's nest. Then



PRIZE HAWK: This unhooded hawk with the prized white back and red breast is ready to fly unhooded from its owner's gloved fist. A tiny bell is fastened to the bird's leg.

he has to choose a suitable place where he can spread his net. After having done this, he stretches the net across the narrowest gap at the mouth of the gorge. The hawk rushes down to attack the intruder and gets trapped in it. While the bird is still in the net, a leather hood is placed over its head, covering the eyes. Some times the eyelids of the bird are stitched with fine thread so that it may not hurt the hunter.

After catching the bird, the hunter takes the hawk where it will be trained and keeps it along with other tame hawks. Thereafter the

training begins. The new bird, whose eyes are still covered, is first taught to perch on the hand of its trainer. This phase of taming is called *Dast Kashi*. During this period the hawk is fed twice a day. Its feed mainly comprises the flesh of small birds. The system of feeding is called *Toma Dari*. All during night the bird is kept awake, its trainer must also be awake to keep an eye on the bird. This practice is called *Shah Bedari*.

If the hawk is young, its training is easier as it learns quicker than an old bird. The feathers of a good hawk are smooth, soft and shiny but the body is big and heavy. Its neck is long and shoulders broad. A hawk with a white back and red breast is preferred to a full white bird.

When captured, the hawk must first be "manned", that is accustomed to human beings and to being handled. The bird is initially trained to the fist, that is, it learns to fly unhooded, straight from the falconer's gloved fist to whatever quarry it is pursuing. When the hawk is fully trained, it is released to catch and eat small birds which are shown to it before releasing them. This performance of feeding the hawk with small birds is repeated 30 or 40 times before releasing it for proper hunting.

In the beginning the hawk catches only small birds, but gradually is taught to capture rabbits, foxes, deer and, at times, wild beasts like bears, wolves and even leopards.

When bigger animals like deer or goat are the object of hunting, it rushes upon them with surprising speed and forcefully digs its talons into the prey.



FUNJAE NOBLEMAN: A falconer must be a man with genuine love for the hawk. Here, a nobleman from the Punjab area of Pakistan proudly displays his pet hawk.

Songbirds face mass extermination, bird conservation laws are ignored

By Ken Pottinger

LISBON, (ONS) — The old nursery rhyme about baking four-and-twenty blackbirds in a pie is no anachronism in Southern Europe. Scientists and naturalists estimate that in Mediterranean Europe alone up to 200 million migratory songbirds are killed annually, while "hundreds of millions," representing 15 percent of the songbird population, are exterminated in the general European land area through which they migrate or spend winter.

The European Committee for the Prevention of Mass Destruction of Migratory Birds and the London-based International Council for Bird Preservation describe spring killings as "very serious," while the West German Radolfzell observatory fears trapping now goes beyond tolerable limits.

Some of the victims are stewed, roasted, baked or turned into pate. Others end up

as trilling decoys for other birds, or as colorful warblers in cramped cages.

Portugal is a staging post on the Europe-Africa migratory routes and has a black record of illegal mass extermination of nightingales, warblers, fly catchers, finches, skylarks, wrens, thrushes, linnets, robins, bee-eaters, hunting and golden orioles.

Dr. Mario Cordeiro, a research scientist at the Portuguese Ministry of Agriculture, tried to explain the difference in attitude towards the songsters in Northern and Southern Europe. "Down here," he said, "the birds often compete with or damagingly affect peasant farming, and as they have for many generations been a source of food in Southern Europe, approaches towards them are naturally different."

Although strict bird conservation laws were enacted after Portugal's 1974 revolution, enforcement is very poor and the authorities are placing their hopes in a

younger generation more aware of conservation and ecology.

In Spain, a single hunter on a good day can catch more than 2,000 birds, according to a local conservationist, while the songbird slaughter is equally alarming in France and Italy.

The home and restaurant consumption of small birds, chiefly blackcap warblers, robins and pit-pits, is estimated at 30 million annually in Spain alone.

The south-west of France has some 11,000 trapping stations which Britain's Royal Society for the Protection of Birds believes are responsible for the death of between five and ten million small birds each year. Most go into stews, casseroles and pates.

Big money in Italy is made by training hobbled trilling decoys to bring thousands more birds into nine-foot high nylon nets strung in trees. About 40 million birds perish each year this way, while Italian hunters shoot another 140 million.

In post-election switch

Socialists want nuclear progress, many French voters feel betrayed

By Edward Cody

GOLFTECH, France (WP) — Giant earth movers slice inexorably into the red soil carried in over the centuries by the River Garonne as it flows gently by the tiny village of Golfech.

The snorts of their diesel engines herald the nuclear-based progress judged indispensable by the new Socialist government in Paris but questioned by many residents of this lush southwestern France countryside as an intrusion into their lives and their region.

In a broader sense, the powerful machines also symbolize the shift in France's Socialist leadership from an outsider party attracted by generous principles and dissent voices to an elected government wrestling with the hard realities of modern France and armed with a parliamentary majority to make its decisions into national policy.

After campaign promises last spring of a "vast national debate" on the wisdom of pursuing France's swift nuclear power expansion, President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist government has pushed through legislation that, in effect, endorses the previous regime's conclusion that France cannot get along without building a substantial network of new reactors.

Ending a four-month freeze on new construction, the cabinet on Nov. 25 ordered six new reactors started in the next two years despite significant opposition within the Socialist Party itself and in regions where the new plants are to rise: Golfech, Cattenom, Chooz, Chinon, Nogent-Sur-Seine and Penly. According to *informed French officials*, the decision reflected a hard insider's look at French energy needs and fears that delaying the nuclear program would markedly increase unemployment.

The call for reconsidering nuclear power "was a normal opposition tactic," said an official involved in the nuclear program. "But once in power, they have to govern the country."

France's nuclear plants produced 7.6 billion kilowatt hours, or 34.3 percent of its electricity needs, in October, making its program the third-largest in the world after those of the United States and the Soviet Union and the first if measured in percentage of electricity needs satisfied by nuclear reactors. Moreover, the industry employs an estimated 150,000 persons in a country shaken by unemployment, which has climbed to more than 2 million despite Socialist efforts to reverse the trend.

"In my opinion, this was the deciding factor," said a nuclear official who followed the government decision from the inside. Under the program defined by Prime

Minister Raymond Barre under President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, France by 1990 was to produce 30 percent of its electricity with nuclear power. Under the new program of Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy, the forecast is for 27 percent. This is based on an assumption — doubted by the government's own economists — that the economy will grow by 5 percent a year through the decade, meaning that in all probability the demand for electricity will be less than programmed and the nuclear percentage will be about the same.

"In other words, it's more or less the same program," said an official at the government's nuclear energy commission. "That's why they're screaming so much at Golfech. Nothing has changed."

As a result, the loose and sometimes uncomfortable coalition of young, militant ecologists with traditional local officials in this Golfech region of aged prunes charge they have been betrayed by Mitterrand and his team. Their charges are echoed by anti-nuclear activists at the other sites approved for new reactors.

"We are not only disappointed, but downright disgusted by this treachery," said Claude-Henri Mattei, a leader of anti-nuclear forces who staged a violent protest here a week ago. "The Socialist republic is a republic of words, a republic of catchy slogans."

In a more concrete expression of bitterness, a group calling itself "the Evening Bombers" blew up part of a wall surrounding the home of one of the region's Socialist members of parliament, leaving behind a pamphlet decrying "the all-nuclear at Golfech and elsewhere." Police in nearby Toulouse said a plastic charge also was planted at the home of a second Socialist member of parliament, but its fuse was drowned out by rain.

The feeling of betrayal is particularly strong here because hopes were high that the Socialist victory last spring would mean an end to what many local officials and ecology militants considered high-handed tactics by the Giscard government, which chose Golfech for a new nuclear reactor despite a locally organized referendum that rejected the idea by more than 80 percent.

First there were the promises. Mitterrand called just before the May presidential election for a "broad national debate" and a referendum to allow Frenchmen to choose the rhythm of their nuclear construction program. Local anti-nuclear forces endorsed Socialist candidates largely on the strength of anti-nuclear positions and a March 31 letter they say was sent to them by Jean Glavany, today Mitterrand's staff director, promising that Golfech would be halted pending "a vast

national debate ... which cannot be hasty."

Then came the Socialist victory, locally and nationally, and a government decision July 30 to "freeze" five nuclear sites, including Golfech, pending the debate scheduled for October. Many workers assigned to Golfech were transferred to other construction projects and work on the nuclear plant halted, according to Electricite De France, the government utility in charge of the project.

But over the summer the idea of a referendum was quietly dropped. The national debate turned into parliamentary consideration of a new law. To overcome Socialist opposition to continuation of the nuclear program, Mauroy addressed a stormy Oct. 7 party caucus personally and told members they could defeat the legislation only by voting down his — and their — government.

The law sailed through 331 to 67. It set up a two-tiered consultation of local officials to meet the objections under Giscard that nuclear sites were imposed despite regional opposition.

In the first vote here, eight of the Golfech region's 19 municipal councils voted against the nuclear plant. Seven voted for and one abstained. But on the broader second level, the Socialist-controlled regional council approved the project, despite contrary votes by the region's two main Socialist Party federations only weeks before.

Opponents charged "telephone calls from Paris" determined the reversal. Mauroy, they pointed out, had said only a short time earlier that, in any case, the government would make the decision.

"It was a parody of democracy," Mattei charged. "We considered the thing was fixed. What the King wanted, the assembly was kindly asked to want it also."

Even more moderate local elected officials complained that their opinions were not really taken into account. As with the ecology activists, they were upset all the more because they believed they had assurances that the Golfech plant would not be built.

"(Mitterrand) didn't say it straight out, but it seemed clear," said Paul Lafont, the 62-year-old retired school teacher who is Golfech's mayor. "This is the reason for the anger. It is a sort of betrayal. There are people, even older than me, who are very angry about this."

The local bitterness stems as much from a feeling of powerlessness as from studied opposition to the plant. Lafont said, and from disappointment that the Socialist victory did not satisfy all Golfech's hopes for decentralization and local control.

"It was like that before (the Mitterrand victory) May 10," he said, "and it's the same now. But the treachery of the Socialist party has given it a new push."

To overthrow MPLA government

2,000 Angolans said assembled in Zaire

LISBON, Dec. 23 (R) — A left-wing Portuguese newspaper has said that 2,000 armed, U.S.-backed Angolan rebels have assembled in Zaire. The evening newspaper *Diario de Lisboa*, considered close to the Portuguese Communist Party, said the rebels were ready to try to overthrow the Angolan government or force it to negotiate.

It said the Army of the Military Committee for Angolan Resistance (COMIRA) had 15 training camps along Zaire's southern frontier with the former Portuguese colony and had U.S., Israeli, Egyptian and Belgian instructors.

"They have a DC-3 and a DC-4 (aircraft) provided by the Reagan administration that have been transporting numerous supplies to Angola where they land on secret airstrips built under the direct supervision of north American servicemen and European mercenaries," the paper said Tuesday in the first of a two-part series of articles.

The *Diario de Lisboa* said COMIRA was working with the best-known Angolan rebel group, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA).

Giving details of COMIRA's alleged operations, the newspaper said 120 Egyptian, Moroccan, Israeli and West German mercenaries had flown from Libreville, the capital of Gabon, to Zaire in September to train COMIRA and take part in joint actions with the guerrillas in northern Angola.

It said Washington's aim was to bring the Luanda government round to the U.S. viewpoint. "Only if diplomatic efforts fail will COMIRA enter the game on a large scale in cooperation with UNITA," it added. The newspaper quoted diplomatic circles as saying COMIRA's U.S. military advisers had so far refused to give the movement permission to mount any big attack in Angola.

"Over 2,000 heavily armed and carefully trained men are ready to come into action in northern Angola to try to overthrow the MPLA (the ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) government to force it to negotiate," it said.

Angola and the United States are believed to be close to starting negotiations on normalizing relations. Washington has refused to recognize the Luanda government because of the presence of Cuban troops in Angola since the country's independence in 1975.

Against Mrs. Gandhi

Indian opposition to join hands

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (R) — Amid much talk of reviving the "spirit of 77", two of India's largest non-Communist opposition parties have decided to join hands to oppose the ruling Congress (I) Party of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The spirit of 77 refers to the highly successful merging of disparate opposition groups in 1977 when they united to form the Janata Party which defeated Mrs. Gandhi in general elections in March of that year. The Janata government, however, found it more difficult to maintain unity in government and collapsed under the weight of contradictory aims and ambitions, leaving the way clear for Mrs. Gandhi to return to power in January 1980.

Now the rump of the Janata Party, led by Chandrashekhar, and the Lok Dal of former Prime Minister Charan Singh have decided to work for opposition unity. In a joint statement on Dec. 18 they called upon like-minded parties and people to contribute to this effort.

Some commentators have already pointed to the irony of these two groups bidding for a united opposition as it was the quarrel between them which led to the final collapse of the Janata government. Charan Singh led the revolt against Janata Prime Minister Morarji Desai, still an executive member of the

Janata Party, and succeeded him — though only for a few months.

The idea of opposition unity, less than midway through Mrs. Gandhi's five-year term, has a number of obstacles to overcome. Two other large non-Communist parties — the Congress (S) and the Bharatiya Janata Party of former Foreign Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee — have still to be persuaded.

Even if they agree, a united opposition would still have to overcome hurdles like consenting to a common leader and persuading voters that it can work together after the experience of their last effort in government. The *Indian Express*, which was one of the few newspapers to wholeheartedly back the 1977 Janata union, said about the current unity moves: "The people have not forgotten ... their conduct in power."

It added: "If they think they can behave again in the same fashion and get away with it a second time, they are very much mistaken." Commentators sympathetic to the unity efforts say that the world's largest democracy badly needs a strong alternative party instead of the present fragmented opposition to the powerful ruling party.

Mrs. Gandhi's Party has an overwhelming parliamentary majority and is also the ruling party in most of the country's states.

Multiple personality American weds

Confined to hospital

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 23 (AP) — William S. Milligan, who has been diagnosed as having as many as 24 personalities, was married Tuesday to a young woman who said she has met his different personalities and has been accepted by them.

Tanda Kaye Bartley and Milligan were wed in a visitors room at the Central Ohio Psychiatric Hospital, where he is confined. Mrs. Milligan, 21, told a news conference afterward that the couple had trouble finding someone to perform the brief ceremony, which was conducted by a religious minister who declined to give his name to reporters.

The only other people present were Kevin Craine of the Franklin County probate court, who took the marriage license to the hospital for the ceremony, and Daniel Keyes, an Ohio University professor who wrote a biography of Milligan.

On Dec. 4, 1978, a Franklin County common pleas court judge accepted a report that Milligan, 26, had 10 distinct per-

sonalities and found him innocent by reason of insanity of rape, robbery and kidnap charges.

According to Keyes' book, psychiatrists found 24 personalities. Mrs. Milligan said she had met and dealt with all of them.

If she had judged Milligan by what she read in news reports, Mrs. Milligan said, "I'd never have married him. But I've dealt with the different personalities. I know all of them. They know me. I've encountered probably all of them."

She said she deals with different personalities "on their level, depending on the age and mentality."

The bride met Milligan a year ago when she visited a Dayton, Ohio, hospital where he was then confined. She showed a diamond ring to newsmen and expressed fear of bad publicity, but added: "So far people have been good to Bill and I."

She said the wedding was "a simple ceremony, just 'with this ring I thee wed."

and that none of her family attended. Milligan proposed in September, she said, and she moved to Columbus after he was transferred to the Columbus hospital.

Mrs. Milligan, who works at a warehouse, said she expects to visit Milligan at the hospital often. Hospital rules allow daily visits by persons approved by a patient's doctors, but conjugal visits are not permitted.

Milligan has been held in several state hospitals, including a maximum-security facility for the criminally insane. There is no indication when he may be released. "I don't think it will be that way forever," his bride said of the confinement. "There's going to come a time" when he is free.

Asked why she married him, Mrs. Milligan said, "I love him. He's the greatest. He's never been anything but a gentleman to me." She also described him as kind and honest and "I've ever had a better friend than Billy."

As 26th governor

Hong Kong hails Sir Edward's appointment

HONG KONG, Dec. 23 (AFP) — The appointment of former Ambassador to China Sir Edward Youde as the 26th governor of this British colony, announced Tuesday, was widely welcomed Wednesday in view of his knowledge of neighboring China.

Community leaders in the crown colony, whose lease of its new territories from China will expire in 1997, noted his diplomatic background, and his knowledge of China and its Mandarin language.

All this should greatly help Sir Edward, 57, in communications with Chinese officialdom at first hand, they said. He will succeed Sir Murray Maclehoese next May.

Sir Edward will not only be assuming one of the highest-paid civil service posts in the world — 613,200 Hong Kong dollars (about \$120,000) a year tax-free — but also a hot seat, the English-language paper *The Star* said.

"Thumbs up for Youde," "Appointment Delights Community Leaders" and "Ideal Choice" were some of the banner headlines in *The Hong Kong Standard*, *The South China Morning Post* and *The Chinese Press*.

But the welcome was not unanimous, as all local left-wing papers pushed the story of the appointment to inconspicuous inner pages, without comment.

Editorials which did welcome him noted that his appointment is at Queen Elizabeth's "pleasure" — meaning that it is an "indefinite" one as compared with the four-year tenures for all previous governors though Sir Murray has served for 11 years.

Sir Edward was ambassador to China from 1974 to 1978 and earlier, during the 1949



NEW GOVERNOR: Sir Edward Youde, the new governor of Hong Kong, gives a press conference in London Tuesday. On his right is Sir Jack Cater, Hong Kong commissioner in London.

"Yangtze incident," had crossed Communist lines to seek a safe conduct for the trapped British frigate *Amethyst*, for which he became an MBE (Member of the British Empire).

He is also reported to have negotiated with Chinese officials the check on Chinese illegal immigration into Hong Kong, and a Chinese representative's office here which came into

existence this month as a Chinese visa office.

Almost 20 hours after the appointment the official New China News Agency in Peking had meanwhile not yet carried the news Wednesday. China regards Hong Kong as part of its own territory forcibly ceded to Britain under "unequal treaties signed with imperial Britain in the 19th century."

Four papers to demerge from parent firm in U.K.

LONDON, Dec. 23 (R) — Four of Britain's leading newspapers are to be demerged from their parent company, their owners said Wednesday, in the latest move in bitter newspaper circulation war.

The Trafalgar House Property and Construction Company said in a letter to shareholders that it plans to ask them next month to agree to float a new company called Fleet Holdings, from its newspaper and magazine interests. The new company will include three national newspapers — *The Daily Express*, *Sunday Express* and *Daily Star* — as well as London's only evening newspaper, *The Standard*.

Most of Britain's Fleet Street newspapers are currently making heavy losses and are engaged in a fierce circulation war which analysts expect to end with at least one title closing.

Trafalgar House spent more than 20 million sterling (\$38 million) on *The Daily Express*, *Sunday Express* and *The Standard* after buying them in 1977 but was unable to make them as profitable as other parts of the group.

Rebels attack Salvador city

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Dec. 23 (AP) — Guerrillas attacked the port city of La Union and held it for at least an hour before troops loyal to the ruling junta forced them to withdraw, army spokesmen said.

The spokesmen said Tuesday guerrillas armed with rocket grenades attacked the city, southeast of the capital, Monday night early Tuesday.

They said the guerrillas were forced to flee when government troops moved in from outlying areas. There were no immediate reports on casualties.

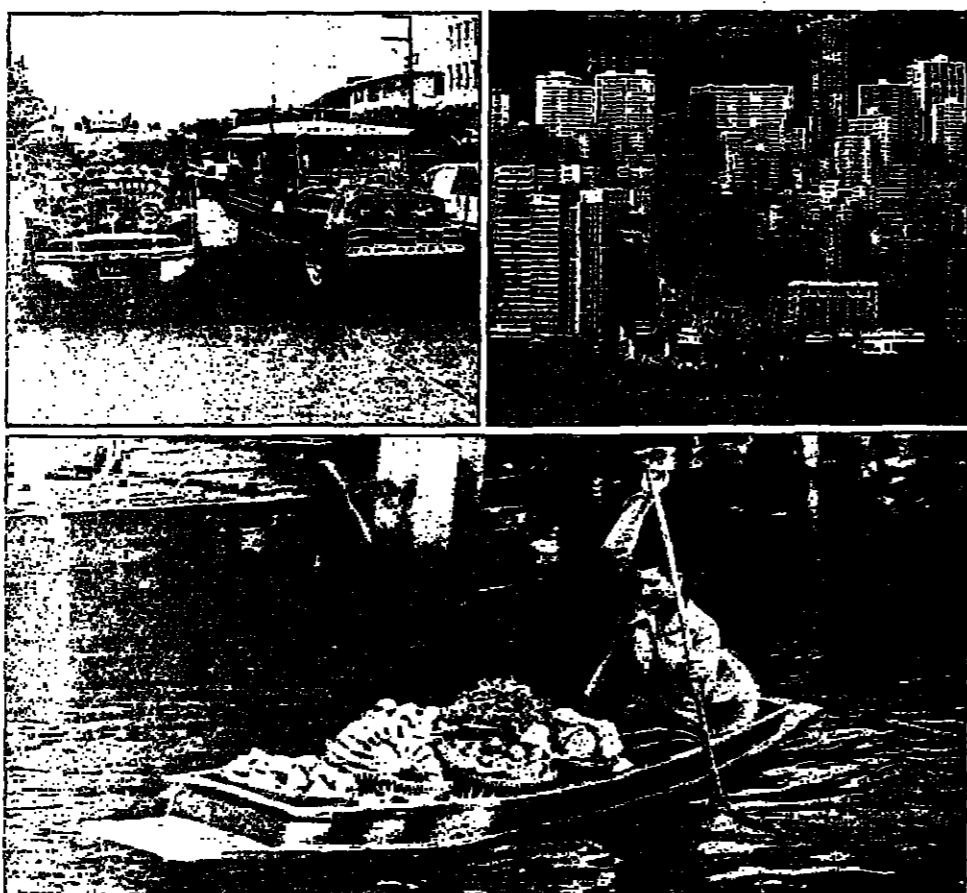
Seoul population rises

SEOUL, South Korea, Dec. 23 (AP) — The population of this South Korean capital rose to 8,676,037 as of Oct. 1, according to a census report released by the city government.

It represented an increase of 309,281, or 3.7 percent, from a year earlier, the report said. The city's population increase rate in 1980 was 3.1 percent. South Korea's population stood at 38,597,000 in April.

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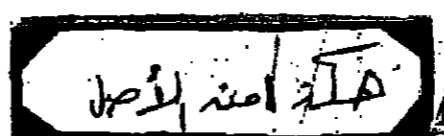


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To infiltrate Latin America

Training of exiles in U.S. questioned

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP) — The military training of exiles in the United States to infiltrate and overthrow several Latin American governments has caused foreign diplomats to question President Ronald Reagan's interpretation of the U.S. Neutrality Act, The New York Times reports.

of State for Inter-American Affairs Thomas Enders as saying the matter has been brought "to our attention a number of times" by Nicaraguan officials.

BRIEFS

PARIS (AP) — French Defense Minister Charles Hernu will visit the United States in early January at the invitation of his U.S. counterpart Caspar Weinberger, the French Defense Ministry announced Wednesday.

for objects that once belonged to Liverpool's most celebrated sons, The Beatles. Smith, the director, plans to open a Beatles museum in Liverpool, it was reported here, not far from the club where the group made its debut.

2 American naturalists claim sighting dinosaur

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (AP) — Two American amateur naturalists claimed here Tuesday to have sighted a descendant of a legendary African dinosaur, the mokele mbembe, in the equatorial jungles of Congo last month.

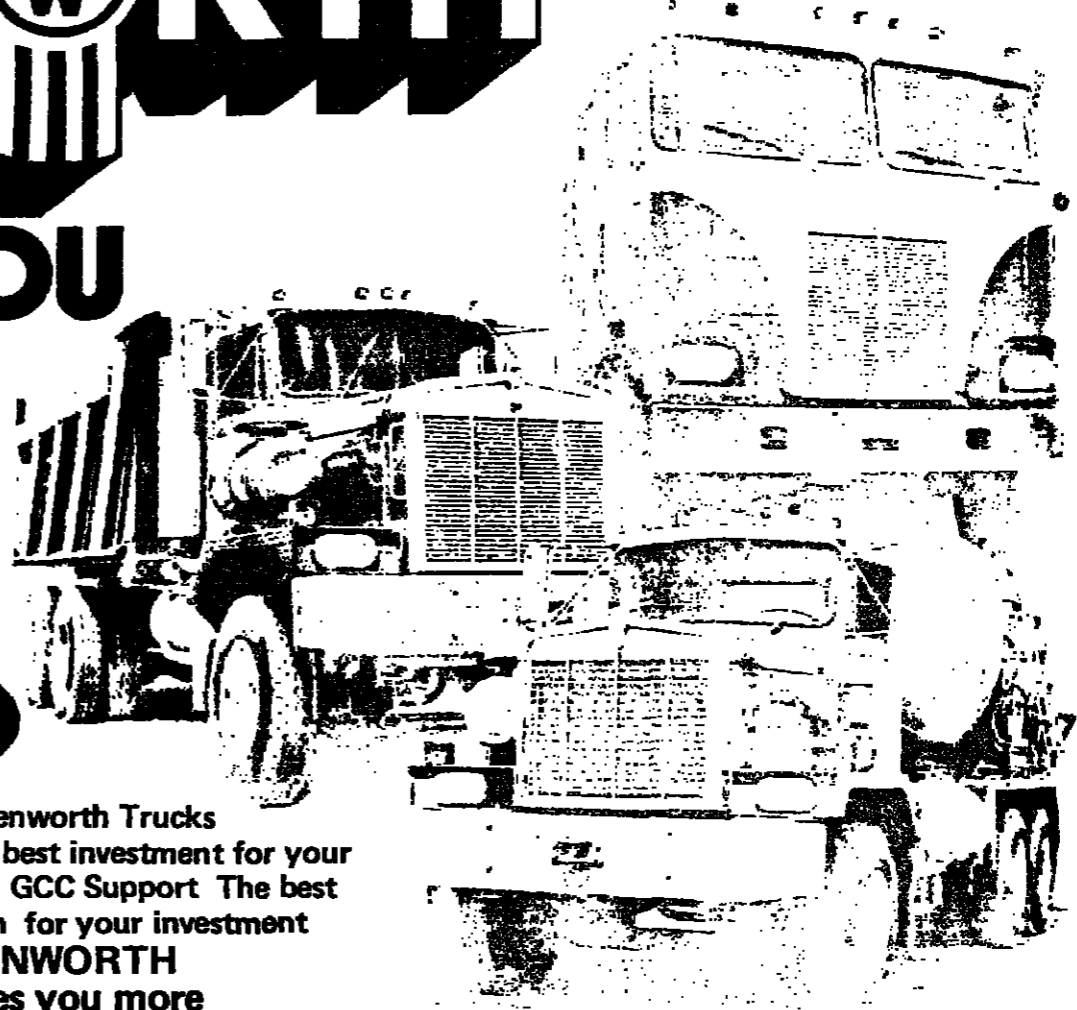
to substantiate their claim. A photograph that Mrs. Regusters had taken was waiting to be developed and might in any case turn out to be poor quality, she said.

photo. Regusters, an engineer at an experimental laboratory working on contracts for the National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA), went on the mokele mbembe hunt with his wife, a former director of Ghana's game reserves and the director of Congo's game parks. The Regusters are not the only Americans on the trail of the dinosaur.

University of Chicago biology professor Roy Mackal has also been on the trail of mokele mbembe, whose existence has been reported on several occasions over the past century.

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On major projects in U.S.

EXXON to spend 22% more next year

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (R) — EXXON, the world's largest company, has announced record spending on major projects next year with much of it going on the search for more oil in the United States despite the current world oil glut.

The \$13.5 billion of capital spending for 1982 represents an increase of 22 percent from the 1981 program of \$11 billion. An EXXON spokesman said the oil company had planned to spend even more but reduced the original figure because of expected delays in synthetic projects, particularly for production of oil or gas from coal and oil shale.

The spokesman said EXXON would disclose details of the new program at a meeting of analysts in New York Feb. 23. A company statement said oil, gas, coal, nuclear, synthetic and other fuels would account for more than 90 percent of the total, with chemicals taking up most of the rest.

About \$7 billion would be spent in the United States, with 75 percent of this allo-

cated to exploration of oil and gas resources. Research and development projects would receive about \$715 million, up 15 percent from 1981.

Industry analyst Sanford Margosbes of Brokerage Horp Bache Halsey Stuart said he expected EXXON to concentrate on its north American operations. "Their incremental investment is going to be heavily focused on the politically-stable United States, and the lion's share will be in the search for oil and gas," he said.

EXXON recently announced it was ending its oil operations in Libya. President Reagan, who has accused Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi of plotting to kill leading U.S. officials, has asked all Americans to leave Libya. Margosbes believed EXXON's increase in capital spending would not be representative of the industry as a whole, which was likely to spend less. EXXON reported sales of \$103 billion in 1980 on which it made a net profit of \$5.65 billion.

Spending cuts preferred

White House rules out new taxes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (R) — President Reagan, still confident his economic program can pave the way to prosperity, will not raise taxes to avoid potentially huge budget deficits, a White House spokesman has said.

A number of the president's political and economic aides have recently said that without severe spending cuts or tax increases, the government could face deficits of more than \$150 billion in the 1983 and 1984 financial years, twice the size of any deficit the United States has ever had. The aides, who include Reagan's highest-ranking White House advisers and Budget Director David Stockman, put together a plan to increase taxes by \$4.5 billion in the next two financial years.

But Reagan has made it clear in recent weeks that he believes spending cuts, not tax increases, are the solution to the deficit problem. His advisers did not raise the tax issue at a meeting Tuesday on the 1983 budget, according to Deputy White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes. The tax thing did not come up, will not come up as the president does not want to raise taxes," he said.

Treasury department officials said the president remains committed to the economic program fashioned during his election campaign last year, a plan to revive the economy by cutting government spending and reducing income tax rates. Those familiar with the president's thinking said he believes the economy and government revenues will grow vigorously and help reduce the budget deficit next year when the second phase of his three-year tax cut program takes effect.

Last September, Reagan grudgingly accepted the advice of his budget makers and proposed a package of tax revisions designed to raise \$22 billion by 1984. Reagan withdrew his plan for 1982 revenue-raising measures after it received a chilly reception from Congress but it remained a White House option for 1983 and 1984. "He may look at (tax) loophole closers but he does not plan to raise taxes," Speakes said.

Administration officials say it will be extremely difficult to persuade Congress to approve any tax increases, even involving the closing of loopholes in 1982 when elections for Congress are to be held.

Algeria, France reach agreement on gas price

PARIS, Dec. 23 (R) — Algeria and France have agreed on a new price structure for Algerian gas supplies ending a 22-month dispute that soured relations between Paris and Algiers, the French external relations ministry said.

A spokesman said French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson and Algerian Foreign Minister Muhammad Seddik Benyahia had reached an accord Sunday on the governing principles of the new price France will pay for Algerian gas. France and its former colony have been arguing since doubling Algerian supplies.

The spokesman declined to disclose any figures for the new price but reports circulating among energy experts in Paris indicated a price of between \$5.20 and \$5.30 per million British thermal units had been agreed. The Algerian state energy firm Sonatrach, which will supply a total of four billion cubic meters of natural gas to France this year under an existing contract, has been pressing for a new agreement which

would link the natural gas price to the cost of crude oil.

The French state company Gaz De France (GDF) rejected the principle of a gas-oil party, which in February last year would have doubled the gas price to \$6.11 per million British thermal units. Under the new contract, which the ministry spokesman said should be negotiated by the end of January, France will receive about nine billion cubic meters per year. The current four billion represents 15 percent French needs.

The impetus for a Franco-Algerian gas agreement was provided by talks in Algiers at the beginning of this month between French President Francois Mitterrand and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

The French-Algerian Agreement was reached 10 days after France and the Soviet Union failed to settle on terms for the French share of Planned new gas supplies from Siberia. France is expected to purchase about eight billion cubic meters of Soviet gas per year from 1984, pumped to west Europe in a new pipeline.

Leyland gets \$1.9b U.K. aid

LONDON, Dec. 23 (R) — The British government has agreed to fund \$1.9 billion recovery plan for the state-controlled British Leyland (BL) Motor Company until the end of the 1982-83 financial year.

Industry Minister of State Norman Lamont announced Tuesday the support in parliament following a review of the struggling company's recent performance and prospects. BL, which was hit by a four-week strike by production workers at its biggest plant last

month, is the only British-owned volume carmaker in Britain. In a document published Tuesday, the firm said sales were down \$30 million in the first half of this year compared with the same period last year to \$2.7 billion. But it said much progress had been made in introducing new models and streamlining manufacturing facilities, while the truck business had been radically reorganized. Manpower was down 22,000 last year to 96,000 and productivity raised in the car and other sections.

Soviets build 18 atom power units

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (AFP) — The Soviet Union is building 18 large nuclear power reactors each of 4,000 to 6,000 megawatts, Energy Minister Piotr Neporozhny announced Wednesday.

Each plant will save about two million tons of petroleum products per annum, he said. A feature of the program was that several of the new plants would be equipped with 1,000 megawatt reactors that are series-produced. Neporozhny, quoted by Tass news agency, said: "It costs less to produce electricity in nuclear plants than in oil-fired power stations."

The USSR was moving toward more rational use of nuclear fuel, in particular through the adoption of fast breeder reactors. A 600 megawatt fast breeder was commissioned this year at Beloyarsk, Ural, he recalled. Meanwhile, at Gorki and Volgograd on the Volga as well as at Voronezh in central Russia, nuclear-based urban district heating was being applied.

On the problem of safety, the minister said nuclear plants needed to be correctly designed and operating instructions strictly adhered to. Their safety systems were adequate.

Levy of duty possible

Imports blamed for woes of U.S. steel industry

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (R) — The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) has said some of the domestic steel industry's problems could be blamed on imports from Romania, Belgium, Brazil and France.

In a preliminary ruling, the ITC unanimously decided to probe complaints brought by the commerce department that imports were damaging the U.S. steel industry. The department has charged that imports of subsidized steel products, said here at below what the U.S. regards as a fair market value, have increased dramatically and are contributing to the economic difficulties of American manufacturers.

The department will determine if Belgium and Brazil are subsidizing carbon steel plants and if France is subsidizing hot rolled carbon steel. It also will decide if Romania is dumping carbon steel plate on the U.S. market. Preliminary decisions from the department are expected by April or May next year.

South Africa also has been accused of unfair trade practices involving steel exports, but the ITC did not deal with that charge. If the department eventually finds its charges are true and if, in turn, the ITC determines the American industry is being harmed or is threatened with damage, the government could impose duties on the imports.

World trade will double, Japan says

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (R) — After a poor performance this year, growth in world trade in 1982 should more than double as industrial nations ease out of recession, the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) said Wednesday.

In its world trade forecast, the semi-official organization said that in real terms (based on a constant 1975 dollar) world trade could rise 3.5 percent to \$1,238 billion after only 1.7 percent this year, but still behind a 4.8 percent increase in 1980. It expected a steady business recovery particularly after the first quarter of 1982, following lower U.S. interest rates and stable energy costs.

On a nominal basis, this year's world trade showed a 0.5 percent drop, the first decline in 23 years, but next year it should expand by 9.2 percent to \$2,176 billion, it said. Next year, developed country imports would lead to trade expansion while imports by developing nations, particularly oil producers, would level off. Most countries would maintain moderate export increases next year except

for the United States, which can expect only a real 0.5 percent rise because of lack of competitiveness. JETRO said.

Japan can expect a far smaller rise in exports in 1982 of 4.4 percent in real terms, after an increase of 11.3 percent this year, while imports, which showed no growth this year, should grow 5.4 percent.

IMF grants \$34.5m aid to Mauritius

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) announced Tuesday a credit to Mauritius of 30 million Special Drawing Rights (SDR) — equivalent to about \$34.5 million in support of the government's economic adjustment program.

The IMF said government efforts to correct imbalances after the collapse of the sugar boom on the mid-1970s have been hampered by adverse weather conditions and a sharp deterioration in the terms of trade.

U.S. expects record wheat crop

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (R) — The U.S. Agriculture Department Tuesday predicted a record winter wheat crop next year, slightly bigger than this year's bumper harvest.

The forecast is expected to further depress grain prices which are already low as a result of abundant supplies and sluggish demand. Based on a survey of fields, the department

estimated the winter wheat crop at 2.13 billion bushels (57.9 million tons), up one percent from the record set this year.

The report also showed that farmers had apparently rejected the administration's call for a voluntary 15 percent reduction in wheat plantings. The request was made in an attempt to bolster prices.

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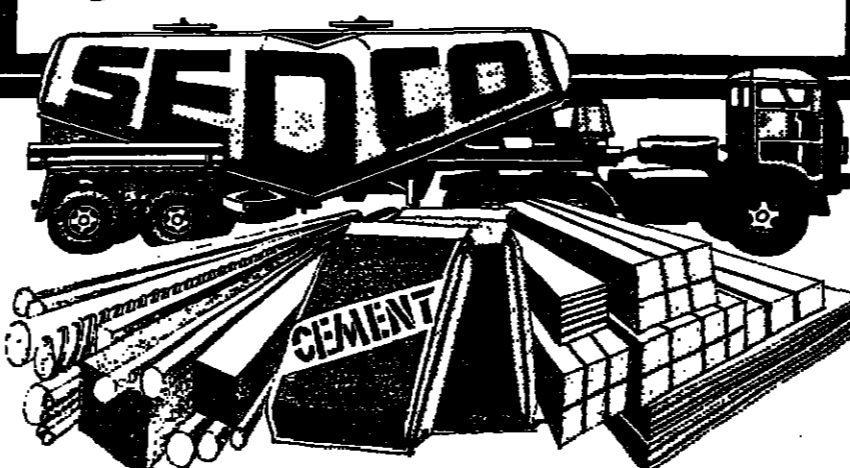
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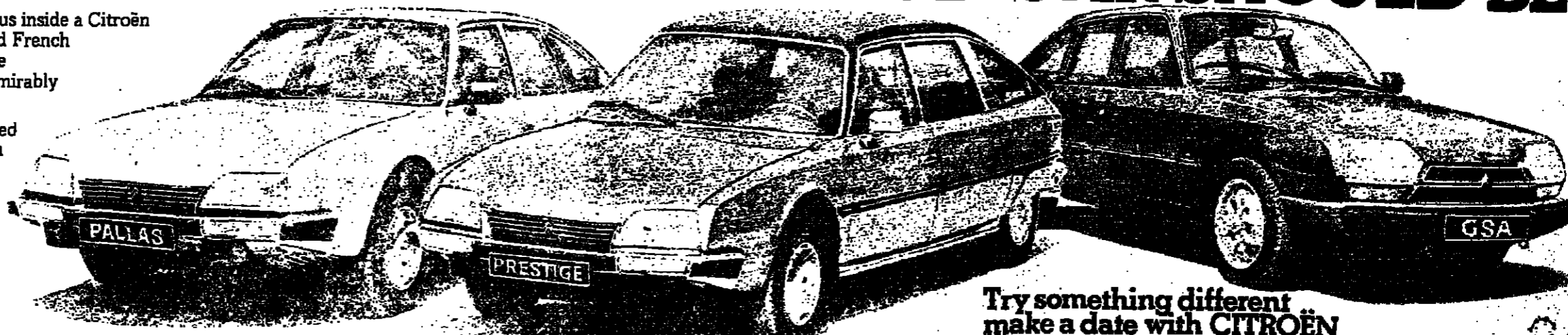
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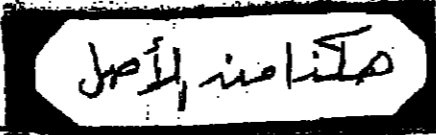
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Analysts divided on '82 pattern

U.S. economy set to improve

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (R) — The Wall Street stock market, which was unkind to President Reagan this year, appears to offer more promise in 1982, with most analysts fairly confident that prices will rise as the U.S. economy picks up.

However, the analysts are divided on when a market rally may begin. Some predict a big surge in the spring when the economy may emerge from recession, but others predict a strong year from the start. Most analysts expect the Dow Jones industrial average to climb above 1,000 points in the second half of the year, compared with the current level of around 875 — which is about 100 points below what it was a year ago.

The high for the Dow in 1981 was 1,024, reached April 27, but later doubts developed about the Reagan economic program, and in recent weeks the market has been drifting because of uncertainties about the ultimate direction of interest rates and the international scene. The general view that Wall Street will get stronger next year is good news for world investors. The New York Stock Market, the world's biggest, not only attracts a lot of money from institutions, small investors and speculators abroad but strongly influences markets in other countries.

Analysts said the biggest plus for stocks was a belief that the Reagan administration would have the economy moving forward before next summer, after the sharp downturn brought on by the drive to curb inflation through tight monetary policy. President Reagan has been predicting that the economy will remain sluggish in the first quarter of 1982, though less than in this year's final quarter, and that a recovery will begin in the spring.

Many analysts believe demand for stocks

will be restrained early in the year by concerns over whether the recent decline in interest rates will continue, by expectations that the worst of the recession will hit in the first quarter of 1982, and by high federal budget deficits. One of several administration economic forecasts projects budget deficits of \$109.1 billion in the 1982 fiscal year that began last October (up from an original Reagan forecast of \$42 billion), \$152.3 billion in fiscal 1983, and \$162 billion in fiscal 1984.

Monte Gordon, head of research at Dreyfus Corporation, said: "The first quarter will be the height of the greatest uncertainty and keep the market in a negative frame of mind."

However, he predicted an "up year" for stocks, primarily because "investors will be anticipating the economic recovery has enough stamina to carry over to 1983." Robert Stovall, of stockbrokers Dean Witter Reynolds, also believes the market will face difficulty in the early part of next year.

"Sometime during the first half, the Dow Jones industrial average might make a low under 800 and sometime during the second half could get over 1,000," he said.

Stovall agreed with most analysts that the first half of 1982 would represent the worst for the stock market because of recession, international developments and concern about the effectiveness of President Reagan's economic program. "But things should fall into place in the second half, with the market coming on in conjunction with an improving economy," Stovall said.

He also looked for certain stock to benefit from a decline in interest rates. "The likelihood that interest rates will fall irregularly for some months cases another source of pres-

sure on the stock market," Stovall said.

Among the issues he believed would offset from lower interest rates were electric companies, banks, telephone companies, food chains and retail drug firms. Larry Wachtel, of the Bache group, predicted a better market in 1982, beginning sometime in the spring. He also looked for the Dow industrials to challenge the 1981 high of 1,024 as evidence surfaced that the recession was ending.

Michael Metz, of Oppenheimer & Company, was much more optimistic. "The market is going to boom in 1982, probably right from the start of the year," he said. He said the direction of interest rates would be lower, inflation would subside, and the market would move up, even without a strong revival in the economy.

In addition, Metz believed the investment community would benefit from changes under President Reagan's Economic Recovery Act, passed earlier in the year.

Western world aluminium production falls

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Western world primary aluminium production fell in November to its lowest level for 2 1/2 years due to sizeable reductions during the month in the two major producing regions of North America and Europe.

Average daily output fell to 31,900 tons or nine percent below the peak of 35,100 tons a year ago. Total for the month was 956,000 metric tons, 5.7 percent down on October's 1,014,000 tons and 9.5 percent below the 1,053,000 tons of a year earlier.

The first 11 months of 1981 showed output of 11,330,000 tons, a reduction of 1.7 percent from last year's record 11,525,000 tons. In north America and Europe over the January-November period, there were one percent falls to 5,180,000 tons and 3,259,000 tons respectively. In East Asia, there was a 30 percent cut to 767,000 tons, while Latin American output was down 2.9 percent to 727,000 tons.

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Currency	Rate	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.05
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	86.10
Canadian Dollar	20.00	20.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	151.00	150.25
Dutch Guilder (100)	137.50	137.10
Egyptian Pound	—	3.95
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.15
French Franc (100)	60.00	59.50
Great Drachma (1,000)	53.00	59.55
Indian Rupee (100)	—	37.40
Iraqi Dinar	6.50	28.30
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.50	15.55
Japanese Yen (1,000)	10.15	10.09
Jordanian Dinar	—	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.15	12.15
Lebanese Lira (100)	74.20	73.90
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Pound Sterling	6.50	6.47
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EEC to continue food assistance to Poland

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23 (R) — European Common Market governments have decided to go ahead with major food aid to Poland despite reports of brutal repression there, diplomatic sources said Wednesday.

They said ambassadors from the community's 10 member states agreed at an emergency meeting Tuesday night to implement an earlier decision to send Poland a gift of 8,000 tons of beef worth \$11 million. The ambassadors also decided to continue preparations for a new food aid package of meat, cereals and butter, worth an estimated \$200 million and intended to help the Polish people through the winter, the sources said.

They added that the decision was taken despite pressure from the commission of the European Economic Community (EEC) to

Dollar firm as gold dips

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AFP) — The dollar was firm when dealing opened here Wednesday but gold was down to \$400 an ounce against \$403.7 Tuesday. The dollar opened at 2.277 marks against 2.268, at 1.813 Swiss francs against 1.807, and 5.75 French francs against 5.7425.

The U.S. dollar rose slightly against the Japanese yen on the Tokyo foreign exchange in quiet trading Wednesday to finish at 220.35 yen, up from Tuesday's closing 219.95 yen.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per tray ounce):

London	400.50
Paris	406.65
Frankfurt	404.03
Zurich	400.50
Hoog Kong	408.01

Chinese bank to collect foreign funds

PEKING, Dec. 23 (R) — China has established a new bank specializing in collecting foreign funds for domestic investment and credit.

The New China News Agency said Wednesday the charter of the China Investment Bank stipulates that it will seek long and medium-term loans from international monetary institutions and other channels, as well as providing domestic medium and small-sized enterprises with loans for technical reform.

The bank, which has capital of four billion yuan (about \$2.3 billion), will also provide investment loans to joint ventures between Chinese and foreign companies, or join the Chinese side in investing, it added. The bank requires that feasibility studies must be carried out for all projects seeking loans to ensure good economic results, the agency said.

BRIEFS

TAIPEI (CNA) — The Chinese National Association of Industry and Commerce (CNAIC) and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) have decided to set up trade offices in their respective nations sometime next year in order to strengthen bilateral trade relations. The agreement was reached Dec. 12 at a meeting attended by Indian businessmen led by FICCI President Arvind N. Lalbhai and their Chinese counterparts.

PARIS (AP) — The inflation rate in France slowed in November to a monthly rate of 0.9 percent from 1.2 percent in October, the National Statistics Institute said Wednesday. It was the first time since May that the monthly rise in prices was less than 1 percent. The inflation rate for the 12-month period ending November was 14.3 percent above the previous year.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — American Telephone and Telegraph plans to set up color TV studios in 42 American cities to provide visual phone conference facilities. Under the "picturephone meeting service", businessmen who are geographically apart can now see as well as hear each other while they hold discussions.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Durable goods orders in the United States rose 1.1 percent in November, following October's 9.8 percent plunge, the commerce department reported.

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Khamis Musait Municipality	Four and seven millimeter asphalt layer for some streets	—	20	18-12-1981
" " "	Enlarging the mayor's office	—	20	1-2-1982
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In exciting NBA encounter

Jones strikes timely form to see 76ers thru

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP) — By any measure, it was one of Caldwell Jones' finest games in the National Basketball Association. The substitute center led the Philadelphia 76ers with his season-high 20 points...

adjustments for Caldwell. He was in the right spot at the right time. In other NBA action, it was Denver 121, Houston 109; Los Angeles 124, Portland 110; Kansas City 106, Milwaukee 101; Boston 120, Cleveland 116; Indiana 92, Atlanta 88; Detroit 106, Dallas 98 and Chicago 92, Washington 90.

Lakers took a 33-26 first-period lead, and the Blazers got no closer than four points after that. Los Angeles led by as many as 24 points in the fourth quarter. Nixon led all scorers with 27 points followed by teammates Mike Cooper with 26, Jamaal Wilkes with 24 and Earvin "Magic" Johnson with 20.

Pacers 92, Hawks 88: Herb Williams scored a season-high 26 points and Johnny Davis added 20 as Indiana came from behind to defeat Atlanta. The Pacers trailed 71-60 with 1:38 left in the third quarter and were down by eight, 86-78, after Atlanta's Steve Hawes made a layup with 4:02 to play. But Williams scored 12 of his points in the final period when the Pacers outscored Atlanta.

World Cup Soccer

England to play qualifiers in Bilbao

MADRID, Dec. 23 (R) — The Spanish organizer of next year's World Soccer Cup finals Tuesday denied that the draw for the 24-nation competition had already been decided. Raimundo Saporta, President of the Spanish Royal World Cup Organizing Committee said that there had been a "misunderstanding" over recent statements concerning the draw.

Porta gave full details of the seedings at a press conference last week. There were: Top seeds — Spain, Argentina, West Germany, Italy, Brazil and England; Second seeds — Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Austria, Yugoslavia, Hungary; Third seeds — Scotland, Northern Ireland, Belgium, France, Chile, Peru; Fourth seeds — Kuwait, China or New Zealand, El Salvador, Honduras, Algeria, Cameroon.

Saporta said the January 16 draw will be presided over by Prince Felipe of Asturias, the 13-year-old son of King Juan Carlos and heir to the Spanish throne. The actual draw will be made by boys from the same Madrid orphanage who traditionally draw the numbered balls in Spain's national lottery.



ALL SMILES: Baring champion, Sugar Ray Leonard, is all smiles as he poses with the Sports Illustrated's "sportsman of the year" award presented to him in New York Thursday. Leonard was the hit of 1981, beating Ayub Kalule for the junior middleweight crown and Thomas Hearns for the welterweight title.

Kiwis protest over venue

SINGAPORE, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Singapore may be the venue for the clash between New Zealand and China to decide the last Asia-Oceania berth for the World Cup football finals in Spain next year.

they played two matches with Saudi Arabia last month. A football Association of Singapore (FAS) official said the republic was prepared to host the match in accordance with the terms set out by the International Football Federation (FIFA).

Poland in drawn tie

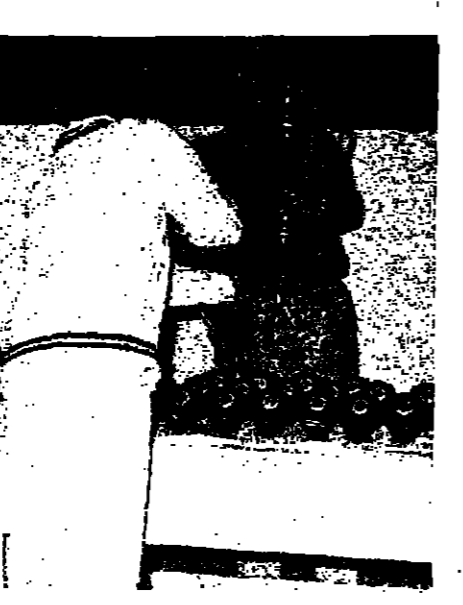
KARACHI, Pakistan, Dec. 23 (AP) — The second match of the touring Polish hockey team against a Pakistan District XI ended in a 1-1 draw Wednesday. The Polish goal was scored by Marek Krus in first half. Pakistan's Gujranwala District equalized in the second half.

Belgian striker may make debut for West Ham

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP) — West Ham United manager John Lyall has agreed to pay New York Cosmos \$400,000 for Belgian international striker Francois Van Der Elst, the London Daily Mail reported Tuesday.

Pak Saudi 'A' emerges top in Oval trophy

JEDDAH, Dec. 23 — Pak Saudi 'A' are the proud winners of the Oval Trophy. They beat Indian Blues 'A' by a wicket and six balls to spare in a keen final of the Six-a-Six (Limited overs) Cricket Tournament Friday.



PROUD WINNERS: The skipper of Pak Saudi 'A', Ahsan Sabri, receives the Oval trophy from Mr. Hall, who presided over the prize distribution function Friday.

for Pak Saudi. But Christie, their main run-getter, and Zaheer rallied them with a brisk rate. These two were doing a fine job in the middle when Zaheer fell. The next batsman in, Nasir, employed the long handle and it was his six and a four which brought his side within sight of victory.

Riofinex 'A' maintains unbeaten sequence

JEDDAH, Dec. 23 — With six of the matches in the Jeddah Tennis League completed the "A" division is turning into a fight between four teams. Newly promoted Riofinex/BRGM 'A' are the only undefeated team but closer results mean that Saudia Letco are only trailing by two points.

lost two of their matches but closely follow the leaders. Two teams are relegated at the end of the season. Mobil 'A' — without a win all season are certain for the drop along with Saudia City Fye, who've registered one win — against Mobil.

Standings table with columns for Division, Team, W, L, Pts. Lists teams like Riofinex/BRGM 'A', Saudia Letco, Dunes 'A', etc.

The promotion stakes in Division "B" are very interesting. The top five teams are still in with a chance. Bell Canada are out in front, the next four teams have two points separating them — Saudia City Letco; Petromin/UOP and IAL on 46 pts and Armaska "B" on 44.

Geoff Boycott obliterates Sobers' mark



LONDON, Dec. 23 (AFP) — England opening batsman Geoff Boycott made cricket history Wednesday when he became the most prolific run-scorer ever in Test matches. The 41-year-old Yorkshireman overtook the Test record of former West Indian captain and all-rounder Sir Garfield Sobers — 8,032 — on the opening day Wednesday of England's third Test against India in Delhi, when he reached 82.

ACKNOWLEDGES: A beaming Boycott acknowledges the standing ovation from the capacity crowd at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground when he aggregated the highest number of runs in Tests.

India toils for lone success

NEW DELHI, India, Dec. 23 (AP) — England had scored 190 runs for the loss of a single wicket at the close of play here Wednesday, the first day of the third cricket Test match with India. Geoff Boycott, England's most experienced cricketer, set an all-time record. The 41-year-old Boycott passed West Indies Gary Sobers' record of 8,032 runs in Tests with an elegant boundary when he was on 80.

England off to fine start

against Australia and made sure of his place on the India tour. Boycott, playing his 107th Test, was unbeaten with 86, three runs ahead of Sobers' record. Earlier Wednesday, England captain Keith Fletcher won the toss for the second consecutive time in the six-Test series. The visitors began on a confident note, collecting 76 runs in the first two hours of play.

Greenidge doubtful starter

MELBOURNE, Dec. 23 (AP) — The West Indies cricket team arrived in Melbourne Wednesday night to prepare for the first Test match against Australia beginning on Boxing day at the Melbourne Cricket ground. West Indies team manager Steven Comacho described the first Test as "a very important game" but refused to be drawn on the outcome.

Winterbottom to don England colors

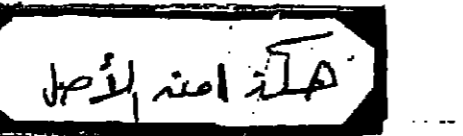
LONDON, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Peter Winterbottom, the 21-year-old Headingleys flanker, will make his England debut in the Rugby Union International against Australia at Twickenham on January 2. Winterbottom, who has made a meteoric rise to fame this season, has been preferred to Bristol's Mike Rafter, who won the acclaim of just about everyone on England's tour of Argentina during the summer but now finds himself out in the cold again.

Hopefuls impress

JEDDAH, Dec. 23 — This the final week of the Bowling League action before the festive break Saturday night, saw very few surprises, with perhaps the exception of the Hopefuls taking all four from the Snowballs. The Hopefuls are the team to watch next year, they certainly ended this season in style, being undefeated for seven weeks. A good win, too, for league leaders MTI beating second placed LK 6-3-2 4-0.

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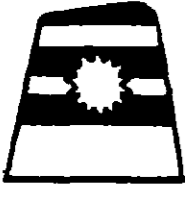
BRISBANE, (R) — Vicki Hoffman, the former women's world squash champion, was banned from representing Australia for at least two years and fined \$800 Wednesday. The penalties came after 27-year-old Hoffman appeared before an independent tribunal on charges of alleged misconduct. They included using offensive language and causing a disturbance in two separate incidents during the World Squash Championships in Toronto last month.



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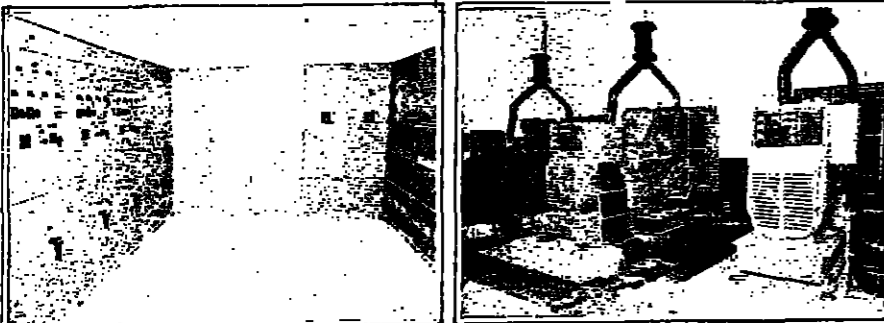
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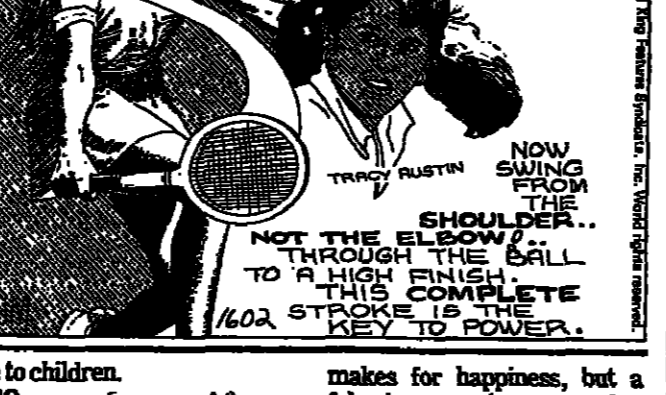
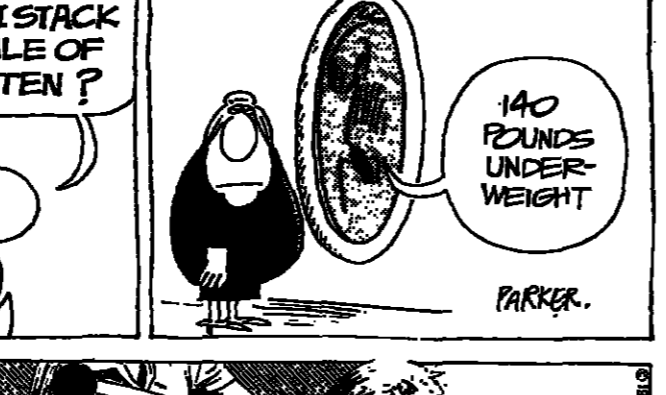
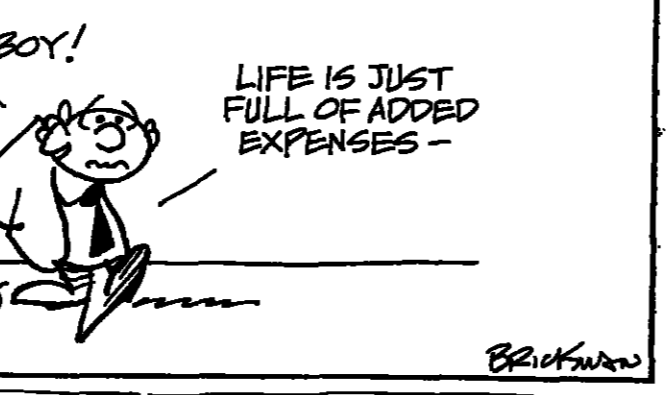
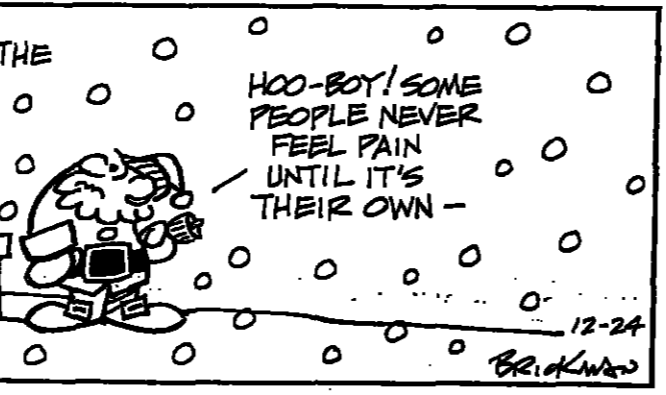
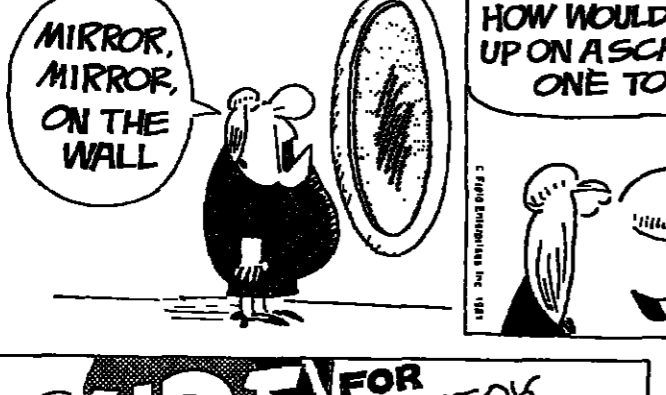
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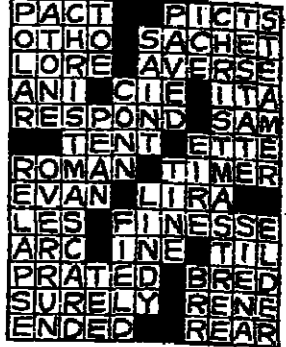
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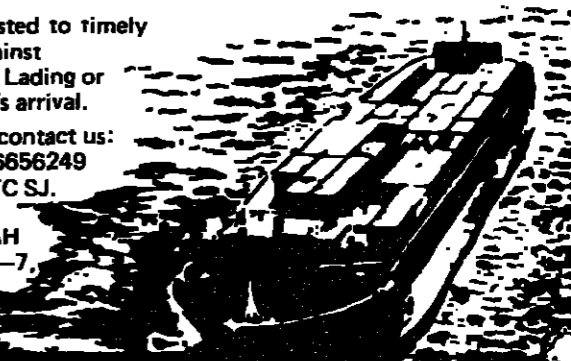
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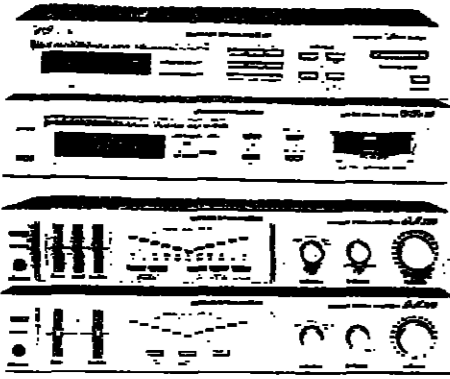
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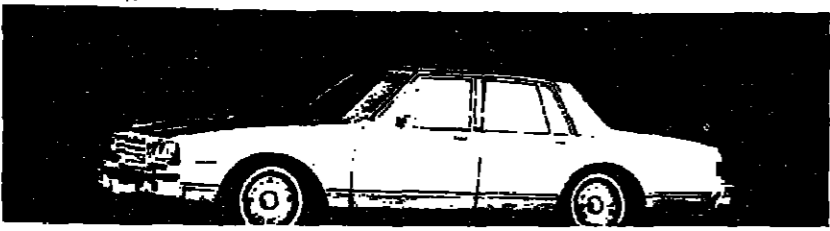
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Curfew lifted

Poland relaxes travel curbs

VIENNA, Dec. 23 (Agencies) — Poland's Army rulers relaxed some travel restrictions and lifted the curfew in the apparent belief that they are winning their struggle to impose strict order on the country, according to the latest reports reaching the West.

The reports said Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, prime minister and head of the ruling military council, was preparing his first "state of the nation" address since he proclaimed martial law 11 days ago.

opponents of the government were being brutally repressed. Ambassadors from the 10 member states of the European Economic Community (EEC) agreed at an emergency meeting Tuesday to send Poland a gift of 8,000 tons of beef worth \$11 million.

The EEC envoys also decided to press on with preparations for a new food aid package of meat, cereals and butter, worth an estimated \$200 million, to help the Polish people through the winter. Reports reaching the West said there was a distinct lessening of the military presence in Warsaw but that worker resistance to martial law was continuing along the Baltic coast and in the industrial region of Silesia.

nesday. In a broadcast monitored in London, the radio said: "The atmosphere among factory workers is not favorable everywhere. It is marked by suspicion and a wait-and-see approach."

"People once full of talk now work in silence. What happened in Silesia has had a noticeable shock effect...In many factories the division among the work force which emerged in conditions of political struggle is being overcome only with difficulty."

In its reference to Silesia, the radio apparently meant the deaths of seven persons shot by security forces at the Wujek coal mine a week ago.

Accounts filtering from Poland suggested that Gen. Jaruzelski might deliver the speech on television later Wednesday, coinciding with an easing of some of the more rigorous restrictions of military rule.

In Brussels, diplomatic sources said the European Common Market had decided to go ahead with major food aid to Poland despite reports that striking workers and other

Warsaw radio, which has repeatedly asserted that most workers ignored a strike call by the now-outlawed free trade union Solidarity, painted a less rosy picture Wed-

Warsaw radio reported Tuesday that nearly 3,000 Silesian miners were still on underground strike at the Ziemowit and Piast collieries. There was no further official report on the situation there.

In London, the Polish-language daily *Dziennik Polski* quoted Roman Catholic church sources as saying that priests were celebrating prayers down the mines in Silesia for the men conducting sit-in strikes. The newspaper said the military authorities had decided to try starving the strikers out, using hunger and cold as their weapons.

Warsaw radio also reported that agricultural cooperatives in six provinces, including Gdansk, Wroclaw and Poznan, were very short of coal because of "certain disturbances in the work rhythms in the mines and snow-bound coal transport."

It said coal held up by delayed trains should go first to livestock farmers, adding: "The needs of people who have no coal to heat their homes must not be forgotten either." The most recent reports from Poland said many people were repeating information from foreign broadcasts that as many as 200 persons had been killed since the imposition of martial law.

The authorities insist that the only deaths were the seven at the Wujek mine last week and high church sources have told Western observers in Warsaw that they know of no more, according to the reports.

Accounts emanating from Poland said most worker resistance was in the Gdansk region, the birthplace of Solidarity 16 months ago. Travelers who left the area on Monday said hundreds of workers were still inside the port oil refinery, which was ringed by tanks, while others had barricaded themselves inside shipyards in Gdansk and nearby Gdynia.

The British Broadcasting Corporation quoted a businessman as saying Solidarity leader Lech Walesa has been on a hunger strike since Saturday to protest the crackdown. Walesa is reportedly being held in Warsaw army headquarters.

The businessman said he knew about Walesa "because the secretary of (Solidarity's) internal affairs was in my home an hour before I was to leave."

Polish Monsignor Bronislaw Dabrowski, briefing Pope Paul II on developments in the pontiff's homeland, was quoted as saying Walesa was in good health but still under arrest. Badrowski was quoted by a Polish exile in Switzerland who talked with him via telephone. No mention was made of Walesa's reported hunger strike.

Under the martial law proclamation, the government suspended Solidarity's activities, severely restricted civil rights and interned thousands of people associated with the independent union.

Associated Press correspondent Thomas Netter, in a censored dispatch from Warsaw, said Tuesday that normal telephone, telex and mail services remain cut and authorities still ban gasoline sales.

The British Embassy in Washington released a statement by the Common Market condemning the reported killings and arrests. The statement denounced "the grave violation of the human and civil rights of the Polish people which is implied in these reports."

French party attacks 'coup'

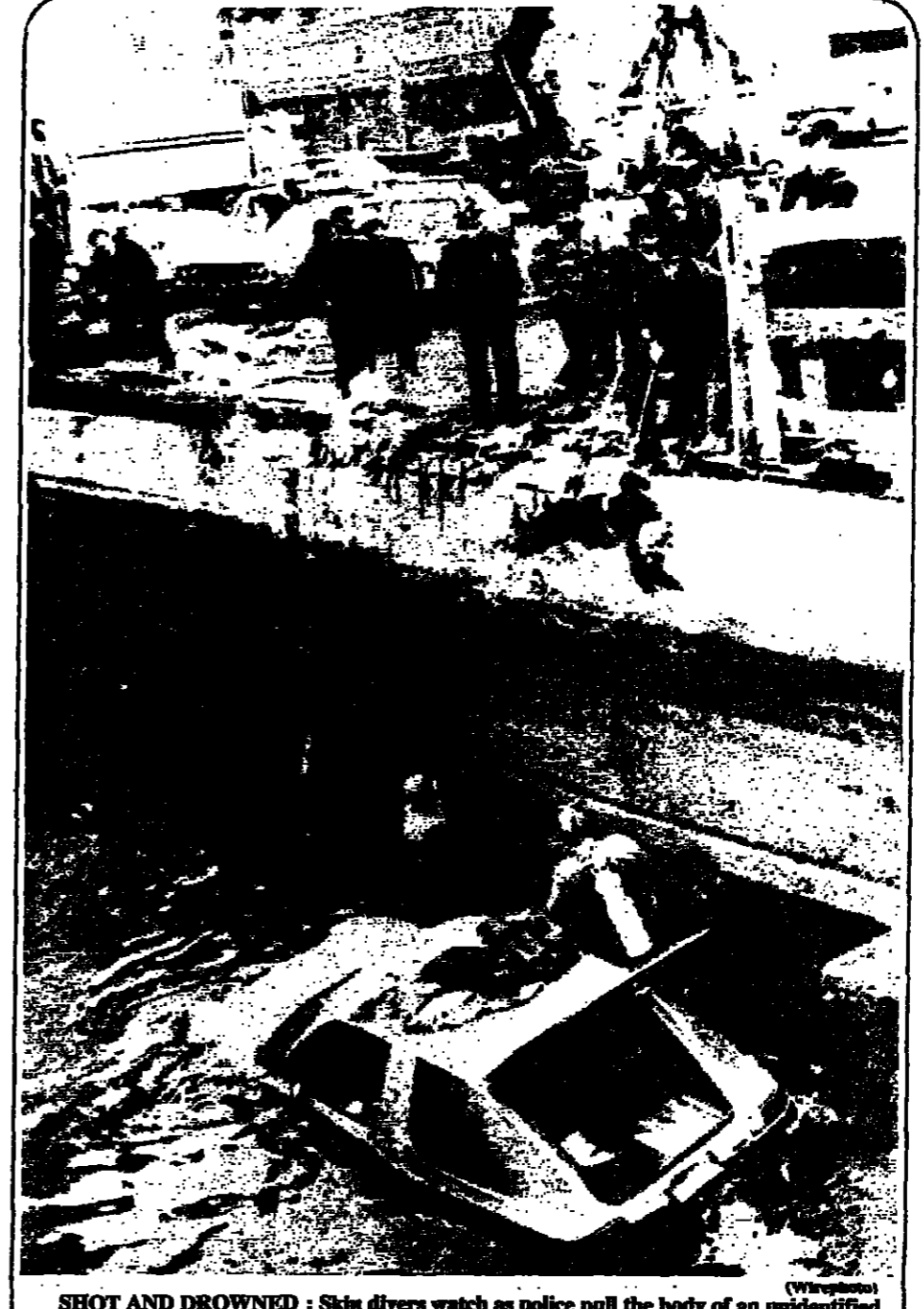
PARIS, Dec. 23 (AFP) — A group of 118 members of the French Communist Party (FCP) who disagree with the party leadership over Poland Wednesday issued a statement publicly criticizing the Warsaw military coup.

They urged FCP militants to join their group "demand the end of the state of siege, the liberation of prisoners and the restoration of democratic rights recently gained by the workers."

Tuesday night 25 FCP journalists urged the party leadership to "denounce without ambiguity the military coup which has broken all hopes of a socialist rebirth" in Poland.

Meanwhile Claude Poperon, member of the FCP Politburo, stated that the party leadership had no intention of altering its policy on Poland, which supports measures taken under the state of martial law there.

He admitted that these measures did not "conform to the FCP's ideas of socialism," but there was no other alternative in Poland. He denied a report by the leftist daily *Liberation* that the FCP had been informed in advance of the Dec. 13 Warsaw state of siege.



SHOT AND DROWNED: Skin divers watch as police pull the body of an unidentified man from the Hudson River, New York, Tuesday. The body was found in the car bottom. The man had been shot in the head and was dead about two days.

After 20 years of freedom

Problems plague Tanzania

DAR ES SALAAM, Dec. 23 (R) — Twenty years after independence, Tanzania is down but not quite out. In the dilapidated capital of Dar es Salaam, long queues for essentials such as bread, half-empty shops, and the grey hulks of buildings left unfinished for lack of building materials testify to an economic crisis formidable even by the standards of the world's 25 least developed countries of which Tanzania is one.

because it has no electric power supply?" Tanzania is one of the biggest recipients of foreign aid in the Third World and some Western diplomats here feel that donor countries must share the blame for such glaring examples of planning gone wrong as a factory without power supply.

The credibility of the national currency, the Tanzanian shilling, has been eroded to such an extent that the government is now planning to spur agricultural production by giving farmers incentives in the form of scarce cooking oil or soap rather than pay higher prices in currency which buys little or nothing.

Sufca arguments touch on the core of the complex and often sensitive relationship between the world's poor South and the rich North, where development aid tends to be less than popular at the best of times and downright unpopular during economic recessions.

Factories regularly grind to a halt because Tanzania lacks the foreign exchange to purchase raw materials or spare parts to repair broken-down industrial machinery. "This place is in such a mess that one presumes things cannot get worse and therefore must get better," said a Third World diplomat, referring to a host of problems which prompted the government into launching what is known here as NESP — the National Economic Survival program.

"What do you do when you are asked to help finance a project whose success is uncertain?" asked a Western diplomat. "Tell them you have only so much money available and that should be spent on building roads rather than a factory? Tell them to lump it if they don't like it?"

In a gloomy speech marking the 20th anniversary of independence from Britain, President Julius Nyerere admitted that mistakes in planning had contributed to an economic plight affecting every aspect of life in this sprawling country of 18 million persons.

The potential for North-South friction has been thrown into sharp focus by a prolonged and increasingly acrimonious dispute over the past few years between Tanzania and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

But he placed the main blame on factors beyond the government's control, including the oil price explosion, and there are no signs of waning faith in the Socialist principles that form the basis of Tanzanian policy at home and abroad.

Negotiations on an aid package of several hundred million dollars from the IMF broke down in October, 1979, when Tanzania rejected as incompatible with its Socialist strategy IMF conditions ranging from a large-scale devaluation of the shilling and curbs on government spending to an end to price controls.

"I have yet to find a convincing argument to say that we would have fewer problems if we had no socialism," said Professor K.A. Malima, chief architect of NESP and minister of state for economic planning. "Many, if not all, developing countries face the same problems we have."

Subsequent talks failed to bridge the gap in the Tanzanian and IMF positions and a few months ago, government denunciations of the fund sent tens of thousands of Tanzanians into the streets in anti-IMF demonstrations.

In varying degrees, many aid officials and foreign diplomats here tend to agree. But committed Western proponents of the free market economic argue that the root of the problem is in Socialist principles which strangle private enterprise and create a vast, overblown bureaucracy smothering individual initiative and breeding lethargy and incompetence.

The government ascribes Tanzania's problems to four chief factors: An increase in oil prices which now swallow almost two-thirds of the country's export earnings; falling world prices for major commodities such as coffee; disastrous droughts in recent years; and the cost of a military intervention in Uganda.

"All true," said a Western critic. "But does that explain why, for example, they recently completed an expensive cement factory which cannot produce an ounce of cement

because it has no electric power supply?"

Moscow has big stakes in Poland, Germans say

BONN, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Moscow can under no circumstances allow itself to lose control of Poland, which is a kind of military crossroads for all Warsaw Pact countries. That is the view expressed here by officials close to West German intelligence.

divisions) with those of the fraternal countries," the source said.

"To control a country of 311,000 square kms.," a reliable source told Agence France-Presse, "populated by 36,000,000 Poles, 10,000,000 of them members of Solidarity, and with an army of only 317,000 men, including 185,000 conscripts suspected of sympathizing with Lech Walesa, one has to be very strong."

All Soviet military lines of communication toward East Germany go through Poland, including eight railway lines, vital for the Soviet Army. Control by Solidarity of these lines of communication is therefore unthinkable for the Kremlin, which will never agree to be cut off from East Germany.

"That is the equation that Moscow has to solve. A direct Soviet intervention would not moreover be assured of success, developing into a civil war that would be hard to control."

All Soviet military strategy based on an offensive from the West would collapse with the loss of Poland.

"A minimum of 30 divisions would be needed and therefore the participation of Soviet forces in Poland (two divisions), of Czechoslovakia (five divisions), of Hungary (four divisions), of East Germany (19

About 15 military pipelines to East Germany and Czechoslovakia go through Poland, which is also a hub for the Warsaw Pact's oil distribution network.

The Soviet Command for the Warsaw Pact's "northern group forces" is at Legnica, near Wroclaw.

By Pentagon

U.S. general's death denied

ROME, Dec. 23 (R) — An anonymous claim that kidnapped U.S. Gen. James Dozier had been killed by his Red Brigades captors was strongly denied by the Pentagon in Washington Tuesday night.

subsequently found in the boot of a car in central Rome.

The Italian news agency ANSA said that an anonymous telephone caller claiming to speak for the Brigades told its Beirut office that the guerrillas had sentenced Gen. Dozier to death and his body would be found in Italy Tuesday night.

The anonymous caller to ANSA began his message by saying: "The Red Brigades of Basler Meinhof announce the following communique..." He did not elaborate on the significance of the mention of the West German guerrilla group.

"The American body is in a country village and police will find it after 2000 Italian time (1900GMT)," the caller, speaking Lebanese Arabic said.

Police said they were puzzled as the West German group had never before been mentioned in Red Brigades' kidnap communique. The Brigades issued a communique last Saturday saying Gen. Dozier was being held in a "people's prison." There were no conditions for his release.

The caller did not make clear whether the general, snatched last Thursday from his home in Verona where he is the senior U.S. officer at NATO's regional headquarters, had already been killed.

Gen. Dozier, 50, deputy chief of staff for logistics and administration at NATO's Southern Europe Land Forces Headquarters, was coshed over the head with a pistol by a commando of guerrillas who abducted him, leaving his wife Judith bound and gagged.

A Pentagon spokesman said in Washington: "The report is a complete fabrication and completely untrue." He declined to say why the Pentagon could be so sure that the claim was unfounded.

Police sources said blood was found outside the apartment and it seemed likely that the general was unconscious when the kidnapers bundled him into a trunk before making their getaway in a van.

Police in Verona said they were suspicious that the Beirut message was a move, often used in past Red Brigades' kidnappings, aimed at putting them off the scene.

The guerrillas have in the past issued up to 20 communique giving details of their hostages' interrogation and often setting harsh conditions for their release. Police sources said if the guerrillas followed precedent, they were expected to issue shortly a photograph of their captive in front of their now-familiar red flag.

An Interior Ministry spokesman described the message as "rather strange," but said it was being examined by experts. He could not say whether it was being regarded as an outright hoax.

In an unrelated kingdom development, the seven-year-old son of a Spanish industrialist, abducted Tuesday at Valreite, Salamanca province, was released in Madrid Wednesday, reliable sources said.

French hope to sell India Mirages

PARIS, Dec. 23 (AFP) — Although the Soviet Union is playing for high stakes in a fight to sell fighter planes to India, French salesmen are still in New Delhi negotiating the sale of Mirage 2000 fighters, French sources here said here.

The paper said that on a technical level, 80 percent of the Indian Air Force is equipped with Soviet planes including the MiG 21, and that the introduction of French aircraft could add to maintenance and logistical problems.

In reply to reports that India now favors the Soviet MiG 27 plane, the French Dassault Aircraft Company said Tuesday that its team in New Delhi is still negotiating the deal believed to be worth some \$1.700 million.

Reports that India has decided to back out of a deal with France have appeared in India's opposition press and in the Hong Kong *Far Eastern Economic Review*.

But French Defense Ministry sources said Tuesday that talks are continuing and that "on the financial and technical levels, we have no reason to think that India has decided against equipping its air force with the Mirage 2,000."

The deal concerns 150 Mirage 2,000 planes, 40 of which would be delivered from France. The remainder would be assembled or built under license at Bangalore by the Indian Aeronautical Industry. The first 40 planes would cost nearly \$600 million.

The report said: "The comeback of the MiG 27 can be explained by financial and technical reasons. Financially, it is known that the Soviet Union, which is playing for high stakes, is prepared to offer credits which few Western companies — public or private — could grant."

The French salesmen have been negotiating for nearly two years, and it was hoped that a concrete move toward conforming the sale would be made when India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi visited France in November — but no contract was signed.

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